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## Coast Guard leader: More money needed to compete in Arctic

By JOHN ANTCZAK and JULIE WATSON  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Strapped with an aging fleet, the U.S. Coast Guard is about to award a contract for a much-needed new icebreaker to help compete against Russia and China for a presence in the Arctic, but the service needs more funding for operations and infrastructure, its commandant said Thursday.

Adm. Karl Schultz also outlined the Coast Guard's plans to improve conditions for women and minorities in an annual address to personnel at the Port of Los Angeles, which combined with nearby Long Beach harbor form the world's eighth-largest port complex. Schultz said he appreciated the resources in the federal budget, but "to be an absolutely ready, relevant and responsive service, requires a 5 percent annual increase in operating and support funding." "As Congress makes tough final decisions and looks to the best ways to spend the nation's precious resources, there's not a better return on investment in government than your United States Coast Guard," he said. Funding for operational support has been flat for the past eight years, resulting in deferred maintenance, a strained and undersized workforce, antiquated information systems and a backlog in shore infrastructure needs that now exceeds \$1.7 billion, he said.



Adm. Karl Schultz, Coast Guard commandant, delivers the 2019 State of the Coast Guard Address at Coast Guard Base Los Angeles-Long Beach in San Pedro, Calif., Thursday, March 21, 2019.

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Besides the backlog, Schultz said the Coast Guard needs modern infrastructure at home ports for its newest ships, including those sent to the North and South poles.

The admiral said he was greatly concerned about the nation's limited ice-breaking capability in the resource-laden, geo-strategically important polar regions while countries such as Russia and China are expanding icebreaker fleets, bases and, as a result, their influence in the region.

The Coast Guard has only two icebreakers, one medium and one heavy polar-class ship. The latter is 43 years old and well past its service life, Schultz said.

The USCGC Polar Star's crew recently had to devise repairs to damage that caused flooding while the ship was heading back to its port in Seattle after delivering supplies to Antarctica.

There is funding for one new icebreaker and materials for a second, he said, but added that the Coast Guard needs a total of six icebreakers.

The Coast Guard's top officer said personnel did vital work while not being paid during this year's partial government shutdown and outlined initiatives to address issues facing female and minority service members.

The service has been under fire for its handling of sexual harassment and racial dis-

crimination at its academy in New London, Connecticut.

A report last year from the

"My vision for the Coast Guard is that every member of our team has the right and the expectation

reserve corps to backfill positions when service members are on leave as well as for new parents.



**A U.S. Coast Guard Station Los Angeles-Long Beach 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew conducts a hoist demonstration with a Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco-Forward Operating Base Point Mugu MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew in the Port of Los Angeles, on Thursday, March 21, 2019.**

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Department of Homeland Security's inspector general found the Coast Guard failed to adequately respond to a female faculty member's complaints of sexual harassment in 2015 and 2016 and subjected her to additional harassment after she made them. The report recommended extra training for supervisors and managers on discrimination, harassment and bullying policies.

The academy was already the subject of a congressional investigation for harassment, bullying and discrimination against minority cadets.

to come to a safe workplace, to be part of a service that values them as an individual, free from threats and discrimination," Schultz said.

He said he was committed to real change on issues including child care and housing.

A study commissioned last year to determine why women stay on the job at a disproportionately lower rate than men will be released next week, and a task force will find ways to implement recommendations, Schultz said.

He announced a policy to use surge staffing from the

"Now our truly dedicated women can better focus on their families and their well-being without worrying about the impacts of their absence on their workplace and their colleagues," Schultz said.

A similar study will be undertaken this spring to look at recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities to make the service more reflective of the nation, he said.

Senior leaders will consider changes including easing tattoo policies, removing single-parent disqualifiers and revising outdated wage standards, he said. □



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## Former AG Sessions honored at Justice Dept. ceremony

**By ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — As Washington awaits word from special counsel Robert Mueller, three Justice Department officials inextricably linked to his appointment and tenure joined each other on stage Thursday for a ceremony honoring one of them — former Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Neither Mueller's name nor the Russia investigation he leads was mentioned during the ceremony for Sessions, who was forced out last November by President Donald Trump. But the tumult of the last two years, which included Sessions' recusal from an investigation into the Trump campaign and the subsequent appointment of Mueller by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, was evident even as the ex-attorney general was saluted for his leadership.

"No attorney general's tenure goes exactly as planned. Unexpected developments always arise," said Rosenstein, likely an oblique reference to Sessions' unceremonious departure one day after the midterm elections. Rosenstein also read a letter from Sessions' daughter in which she said her father endured "relentless" attacks from critics without returning fire. The ceremony, during which Sessions was presented with the chair he used during Cabinet meetings, unfolded as Mueller prepares to deliver his final report on the investigation to new Attorney General William Barr, who also spoke warmly of Sessions. The event brought together in unusual fashion two Justice Department officials who have been attacked by the president — Rosenstein is expected to leave his position soon — and a third, Barr, who may also find



**In this Oct. 16, 2018 file photo, then Attorney General Jeff Sessions attends a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington.**

**Associated Press**

himself fending off attacks on the Justice Department, depending on Mueller's findings. Sessions was lauded during the ceremony for his

emphasis against violent crime, opioid addiction and illegal immigration — priorities in line with the president's agenda. But he endured scathing attacks from the president for most of his tenure following his decision in March 2017 to recuse from the Justice Department's investigation into possible ties between Russia and the Trump campaign. He was asked to resign in November 2017 and replaced first by his chief of staff, Matthew Whitaker, and then on a permanent basis by Barr.

Rosenstein ticked off a number of attorneys general who served shorter tenures than Sessions. Those include Barr, who spent just over a year during his first stint as attorney general in the early 1990s.

"An attorney's general's service is measured by accomplishments, not by length of service," Rosenstein said. □





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## Trump orders colleges to back free speech or lose funding

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**  
AP Education Writer

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Thursday requiring U.S. colleges to protect free speech on their campuses or risk losing federal research funding.

The new order directs federal agencies to ensure that any college or university receiving research grants agrees to promote free speech and the exchange of ideas, and to follow federal rules guiding free expression.

"Even as universities have received billions and billions of dollars from taxpayers, many have become increasingly hostile to free speech and to the First Amendment," Trump said at a White House signing



**President Donald Trump signs an executive order on "improving free inquiry, transparency, and accountability on campus" in the East Room of the White House, Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Washington.**

**Associated Press**

ceremony. "These universities have tried to restrict free thought, impose total conformity and shut down the voices of great young Americans."

The order follows a growing chorus of complaints from conservatives who say their voices have been stifled on campuses across the U.S. Joining Trump at the cer-

emony were students who said they were challenged by their schools while trying to express views against abortion or in support of their faith.

Trump initially proposed the idea during a March 2 speech to conservative activists, highlighting the case of Hayden Williams, an activist who was punched in the face while recruiting for the group Turning Point USA at the University of California, Berkeley. He invoked the case again Thursday, noting that Williams was hit hard "but he didn't go down."

Under the order, colleges would need to agree to protect free speech in order to tap into more than \$35 billion a year in research and educational grants.

For public universities, that means vowing to uphold the First Amendment, which they're already required to do. Private universities, which have more flexibility in limiting speech, will be required to commit to their own institutional rules.

"We will not stand idly by to allow public institutions to violate their students' constitutional rights," Trump said. "If a college or university doesn't allow you to speak, we will not give them money. It's very simple."

Enforcement of the order will be left to federal agencies that award grants, but how schools will be monitored and what types of violations could trigger a loss of funding have yet to be seen. White House officials said details about the implementation will be finalized in coming months. Many colleges have firmly opposed the need for an executive order. Following Trump's speech, Janet Napolitano, president of the

University of California, said many schools are "ground zero" for the exchange of ideas.


"We do not need the federal government to mandate what already exists: our longstanding, unequivocal support for freedom of expression," she said. "This executive order will only muddle policies surrounding free speech, while doing nothing to further the aim of the First Amendment."

"No matter how this order is implemented, it is neither needed nor desirable, and could lead to unwanted federal micromanagement of the cutting-edge research that is critical to our nation's continued vitality and global leadership," said Ted Mitchell, the organization's president.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who has spoken against a government answer to campus speech issues, issued a statement that only briefly mentioned free speech, and instead largely focused on another part of the order dealing with transparency in college performance data.

The order was supported by conservative groups including Turning Point USA, which has pushed for action on the issue. In Trump's speech, he specifically thanked Charlie Kirk, the group's founder, who has pushed for action on the issue.

On Twitter, Kirk called the order "historic," adding that while harassment by campus faculty is not uncommon, "it ends today!" Several free speech groups raised concerns about the order, including the American Civil Liberties Union, which took issue with "the partisan nature of the administration's rollout of this executive order." □



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# Atlanta's Mayor pushes for review in 'Child Murders' cases

By BEN NADLER  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Atlanta's mayor and police chief are leading a push to re-examine evidence from a string of murders that terrorized the city's black community between 1979 and 1981.

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Police Chief Erika Shields announced Thursday that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Fulton County District Attorney will review evidence in the "Atlanta Child Murders" cases to see if any of it can be tested further.

Wayne Williams was given two life sentences in 1982 for convictions in the deaths of two adults, thought to be among 29 black children and young adults — mostly boys — who were killed.

During his trial, prosecutors offered "pattern" evidence of 10 other murders he was not charged in. After Williams' conviction, police closed 22 of the cases, blaming them on Williams without formally charging him. Some other cases remain formally unresolved.

Bottoms said she was hopeful that technological advancements and newly available genetic databases could turn up new information. The review comes as several high-profile cold cases across the country have been solved after comparing old DNA samples to publically available ancestry testing databases.

"There may not be any evidence available that can be re-examined. But we are taking the necessary steps to formally say that we are going to open up every box and look in every corner and see what we have left," Bottoms said.

"I don't think it's any secret that, for many people, there've been questions as to whether or not Wayne Williams was responsible for all of the murders," Bottoms later added.

Catherine Leach, whose teenage son Curtis Walker was among those murdered, said she is still seeking closure.

"His case is still sitting on the shelf, getting dusty and rusty until you can't see the

page," Leach said. "I want some closure. I want some justice."

Bottoms made the announcement just days ahead of the release of a documentary about the murders by filmmaker Will Packer on the Investigation Discovery channel. □



Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, standing next to Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard, announces Thursday, March 21, 2019 that officials will take a fresh look at the Atlanta child murders, a string of murders from 1979 to 1981 that terrorized the city's black community.

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**Tribes push to protect sacred New Mexico site from drilling**

By **FELICIA FONSECA**  
Associated Press

**ACOMA PUEBLO, N.M. (AP)**

— Native American leaders are banding together to pressure U.S. officials to ban oil and gas exploration around a sacred tribal site that features massive stone structures and other remnants of an ancient civilization but are facing the Trump administration's pro-drilling stance.

Creating a formal buffer around Chaco Culture National Historical Park has been a long-running issue, but tribes are pushing for further protections as U.S. officials revamp the management plan for the area surrounding the world heritage site as well as large portions of northwestern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

Federal officials repeatedly have denied drilling leases within a 10-mile (16-kilometer) radius of the park as tribes, environmentalists and archaeologists have raised concerns about the potential effects on culturally significant sites like ceremonial structures called kivas outside Chaco's boundaries.

A thousand years ago,



In this Aug. 10, 2005, file photo, tourist Chris Farthing from Suffolks County, England, takes a picture while visiting Chaco Culture National Historical Park in northwestern New Mexico.

the site was a ceremonial and economic hub for the Pueblo people, historians say.

Tribes in New Mexico are gathering Thursday at Acoma Pueblo, a Native Amer-

ican community about 60 miles (97 kilometers) west of Albuquerque, amid the All Pueblo Council of Governors monthly meeting.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, head of the largest American Indian reservation, also attended, along with New Mexico officials and two members of the state's congressional delegation.

The tribes want specific language in the area's federal management plan that would prevent drilling near the park, instead of protesting four times a year when the energy industry requests lease sales on certain parcels.

"I think it's unlikely with the administration the way it is, but this is all part of the process," said Keegan King, a member of the pueblo council's Natural Resources

Committee. "The tribes are organized and are going to be doing everything they can."

President Donald Trump's administration has aggressively pushed to open more public lands to energy development. It also went against the wishes of tribes and others by scaling back two national monuments in Utah that protected tribal artifacts and other sensitive land.

Lawmakers and tribal leaders said at a congressional committee hearing this month that a 2017 Trump administration review of lands protected nationwide by past presidents didn't take tribal interests into account despite some of the lands being sacred to them.

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico said Thursday

that legislation will be reintroduced soon in Congress to protect the land around Chaco Canyon. He said he would not trust the Trump administration to include protections in the federal plan for the area.

New Mexico State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard said an executive order from her office is expected next month that would make state land around Chaco off-limits to any oil and gas leasing. Most of the land surrounding the park is federal and tribal land.

Accessible only by rough dirt roads, Chaco takes effort to reach, and supporters say they want to protect the sense of remoteness that comes with making the journey along with the ancient features that remain. □

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## Florida man pleads guilty to mailing bombs to Trump foes

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

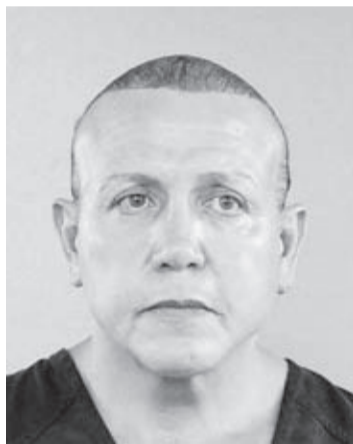
**NEW YORK (AP)** — A Florida man pleaded guilty Thursday to sending a wave of pipe bombs to CNN and prominent critics of President Donald Trump, attacks that harmed no one but created fear as the devices turned up, day after day, at locations across the country.

Cesar Sayoc sobbed as he entered the plea before a federal judge in New York. "I'm truly sorry," he said.

He faces the possibility of a life sentence on 65 criminal counts, including using weapons of mass destruction and illegal mailing of explosives with intent to kill. Sayoc had been scheduled to go on trial this summer on charges that he mailed rudimentary bombs to 16 targets, including Bill and Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, several members of congress, former President Barack Obama and the actor Robert De Niro.

Devices were also mailed to CNN offices in New York and Atlanta.

He has been held without bail since his late-October arrest at a South Florida auto parts store. At the time, he had been living in a van covered with Trump stickers and images of Trump opponents with crosshairs over their faces. The bombs began turning up weeks before the hotly contested midterm elections, contributing to an already tense political en-



This Aug. 30, 2015, file photo released by the Broward County Sheriff's office shows Cesar Sayoc in Miami.

Associated Press

vironment.

The hunt for the bomber began Oct. 22 when a device was discovered in a mailbox at an estate in New York City's northern suburbs owned by the billionaire George Soros, a liberal political activist and frequent subject of conspiracy theories.

A device addressed to the Clintons was discovered the following day, followed a day later by a slew of homemade pipe bombs found at the homes or offices of prominent Democrats. One, addressed to former CIA director John Brennan, was sent to CNN in New York.

Over several days, investigators tracked the packages to a mailing center in Florida.

Prosecutors said the evidence against Sayoc includes DNA linking him to 10 of the explosive devices and fingerprints on two of them. □

## 5 compound suspects plead not guilty to terror charges



This Aug. 13, 2018 pool file photo shows defendants, from left, Jany Leveille, Lucas Morton, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj and Subbannah Wahhaj entering district court in Taos, N.M., for a detention hearing.

Associated Press

By MARY HUDETZ

Associated Press

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)**

— Five people arrested at a ramshackle New Mexico compound where one of the suspect's sons was found dead pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal terrorism-related charges and other counts that their attorneys say the group would not be facing if they weren't Muslims.

The two men and three women have been charged of conspiring to support planned attacks on U.S. law enforcement officers, military members and government employees while living on the outskirts of Amalia, just south of the Colorado border.

They have been in federal custody since last August on firearms charges that accuse them of conspiring to provide weapons and ammunition to Jany Leveille, one of the five and a leader of the group

who is from Haiti and had been living in the country illegally.

The group had travelled in late 2017 from Georgia to New Mexico, where they built their compound in an area dotted with some of the region's signature "earthship" self-built homes.

"This case is about freedom of religion, freedom of association and the right to bear arms," said Billy Blackburn, an attorney for Subbannah Wahhaj. He and other defense attorneys said their clients are innocent of the charges.

The group's makeshift settlement had consisted of a camping trailer wedged into the desert and surrounded by stacked tires before authorities raided it and found 11 hungry children, guns and ammunition, a firing range.

They also found the remains of 3-year-old Abdul-

Ghani Wahhaj, who had suffered from severe medical disabilities that caused seizures.

The boy had been reported missing in Georgia in late 2017 and died at the compound after he was denied medication because Leveille believed it suppressed Muslim beliefs, authorities said.

She and the boy's father, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, had held hours-long prayer rituals over the boy in the days leading to his death.

The results of an autopsy for the boy are still pending.

Others charged in the case include two sisters and a brother-in-law of Wahhaj.

All, except Wahhaj, are charged in the kidnapping of his son.

Federal statutes generally only allow for charging parents with abducting their own children in international cases. □



# New Zealand bans 'military-style' guns after mosque attacks

By JULIET WILLIAMS  
NICK PERRY

**Associated Press**  
**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)** — The government of New Zealand announced a ban on "military-style" semi-automatic firearms and high-capacity magazines Thursday, just a week after such weapons were used in attacks on two mosques in the city of Christchurch that killed 50 people.

An immediate sales ban went into effect to prevent stockpiling and new laws would be rushed through Parliament that would impose a complete ban on the weapons, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said.

"Every semi-automatic weapon used in the terrorist attack on Friday will be banned," Ardern said.

The prohibition includes semi-automatic guns or shotguns that can be used with a detachable magazine that holds more than five rounds. It also applies to accessories used to convert guns into what the government called "military-style" weapons.



In this March 20, 2019, photo, New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern speaks during a press conference following the March 15 mosque shooting, in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The ban does not apply to guns commonly used by farmers and hunters, including semi-automatic .22 caliber or smaller guns that hold up to 10 rounds, or semi-automatic and pump-

action shotguns with non-detachable magazines that hold up to five rounds. Ardern's party controls a majority in Parliament, so passage of the legislation is expected. New Zealand

does not have a constitutional right to bear arms. The announcement brought immediate comparisons to the United States, where contentious debate over gun control remains unresolved after frequent mass killings. Firearms experts said the ban in New Zealand has wide support.

Polly Collins of Christchurch was thrilled to hear of Ardern's announcement as she visited a memorial to the victims.

"The prime minister is amazing," she said. "It's not like in America, where they have all these things and then they go 'Oh yeah, we'll deal with the gun laws,' and nothing's done."

One of New Zealand's largest gun retailers, Hunting & Fishing New Zealand, said it supports "any government measure to permanently ban such weapons."

"While we have sold them in the past to a small number of customers, last week's events have forced a reconsideration that has led us to believe such weapons of war have no place in our business — or our country," chief executive Darren Jacobs said in a statement. He said the

company will no longer stock any assault-style firearms and will also stop selling firearms online.

"What (Ardern's) done is a very brave move, and it's the kind of move that can only be done in a common-law country where guns are not a right," said Alexander Gillespie, a professor of international law at Waikato University. "Guns are a real privilege. If there was a legal right like there is in the United States, this would be much more difficult." There are nearly 250,000 licensed gun owners in New Zealand, which has a population of 5 million. Officials estimate there are 1.5 million guns in the country.

Ardern said people could hand over their prohibited guns under an amnesty while officials develop a formal buyback scheme, which could cost up to 200 million New Zealand dollars (\$140 million). She said there will be "tightly regulated" exemptions for some owners such as hunters and farmers.

The government said the police and military would be exempt. Access for international shooting competitions would also be considered.

The man charged in the mosque attacks had purchased his weapons legally using a standard firearms license and enhanced their capacity by using 30-round magazines "done easily through a simple online purchase," Ardern said.

Although the exact weapons used in the mosque attacks have not been announced, images posted by the gunman show at least one of them to be a semi-automatic rifle similar to an AR-15 that is widely available in New Zealand. Semi-automatic refers to a firearm's ability to self-load, not only firing a bullet with each trigger pull, but also reloading and making the firearm capable of firing again. The military versions most resembling the AR-15 rifle are the M16 and M4 carbines, which can fire in semi-automatic mode, three-round burst mode or fully automatic mode. □

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# Albania opposition holds new rally, calls for early election

**Associated Press**  
**TIRANA, Albania (AP)** — Several thousand opposition protesters tried to enter Albania's parliament building Thursday calling for the government's resignation and an early election. The rally is part of the center-right Democratic Party-led opposition's protests over the past month accusing the leftist Socialist Party government of Prime Minister Edi Rama of being corrupt and linked to organized crime. The government denies the allegations. After throwing projectiles and firecrackers for about an hour, a group of protesters tried to break the police line at the main parliament entrance but did not succeed.

Riot police in the second line did not intervene, and a nearby water cannon was not used. In previous rallies, opposition supporters have tried to enter the parliament or government buildings using

smoke bombs and projectiles. Police have responded with tear gas. The Socialists say the opposition's protests aren't helping Albania's progress toward membership in the European Union. □




Riot police stand guard are seen during an anti-government rally in Tirana, Albania, Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Associated Press


# UN food agency cites progress in Yemen

**Associated Press**  
**CAIRO (AP)** — The head of the U.N.'s World Food Program says progress has been made in Yemen, months after he accused Houthi rebels of stealing food from the hungry by diverting aid. David Beasley, the executive director of the WFP, nevertheless told The Associated Press in Cairo on Thursday that Yemen is "far from being out of the deep, dark abyss." As the WFP is scaling up its operations in Yemen, covering almost 10 million people described as "severely food insecure," the agency has been sending special teams to monitor aid delivery. In December, the WFP threatened to suspend some aid shipments if the Houthis did not investigate and stop theft and fraud in food distribution. The Iran-backed Houthis have been at war with a Saudi-led coalition for four years. □



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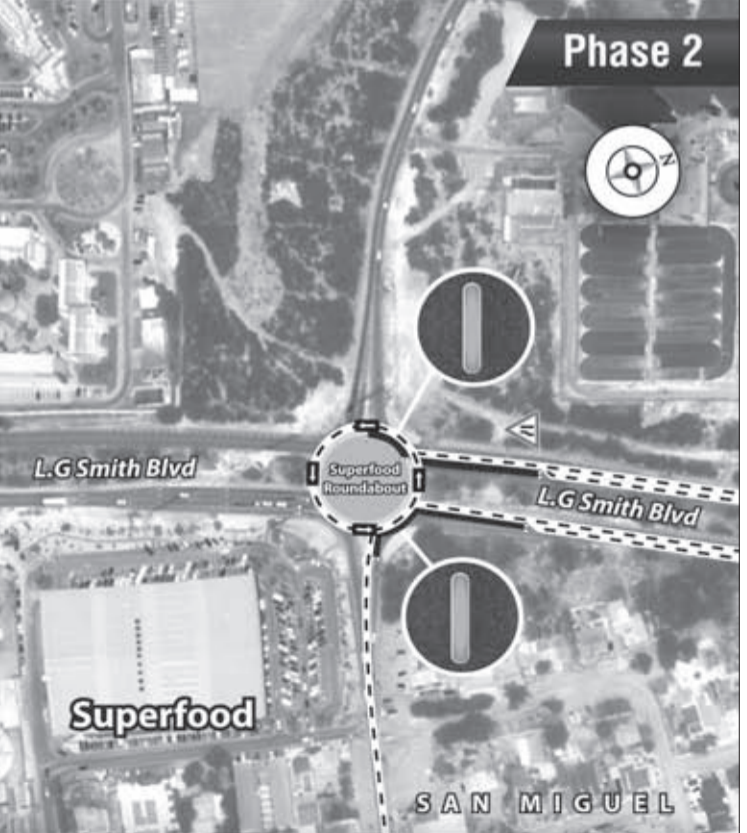
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# River ferry sinks in Tigris near Iraq's Mosul, killing 83

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Associated Press

**MOSUL, Iraq (AP)** — A ferry overloaded with people celebrating the Kurdish new year and Mother's Day capsized in the Tigris River near the Iraqi city of Mosul on Thursday, killing at least 83 people, including families, officials said.

Many of the dead were women and children who could be seen struggling to swim against a strong current, their heads bobbing in the water opposite restaurants and an amusement park where people had been celebrating minutes earlier.

The death toll from the accident, which residents said was the worst in recent memory, was expected to rise as people waited on the banks of the Tigris for news of loved ones.

Col. Hussam Khalil, head of the Civil Defense in Iraq's northern Nineveh province, told The Associated Press the accident occurred as scores of people were out in the tourist area, known as Ghabat, celebrating Nowruz, which marks the Kurdish new year and the arrival of spring.

The boat had been ferrying people to a small island nearby.



People and relatives of victims waiting on the bank of the Tigris river where the ferry sank in Mosul, Iraq, Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Abdulrazzaq Falih, a rescuer with the river police of Mosul, said he pulled more than 20 bodies from the water.

"Children, women, and young, what can I tell you? It was a difficult situation," he said.

A man who identified himself as Abdul-Jabbar al-Jbouri appealed for the police to look for his wife and children.

"My wife and three daughters are in the water!" he screamed.

Mosul was devastated by

the war against the Islamic State group, which occupied the city for three years. Iraqi forces drove the militants from Mosul in 2017 after a grueling campaign that left entire neighborhoods in ruins, and residents are still struggling to rebuild. Videos of the ferry disaster posted online showed people struggling against the strong current. Young men who had been lunching on the banks jumped into the water with their clothes on to try and save people.

The usually tame Tigris is

running high this time of year, fed by snowmelt from mountains in Turkey. The river swelled further after a rainy season that brought more precipitation than in previous years.

Falah al-Taii, director of Nineveh health department, said the number of victims that arrived at the forensic department and in the hospitals in Mosul is more than 60, the majority of them women and children.

"There is a large number of fathers and mothers who

are looking for their children until now," he added. Khalil said the ferry sank because of a technical problem, and that there weren't many boats in the area to rescue people. He said more than 80 people were on the ferry when it sank. Others said the number of people on the boat was much higher.

Saudi Aziz, a 23-year-old Kurd, said he was on another ferry crossing the river. He said the stricken ferry was overloaded with around 150 people when it capsized. He said it wasn't long before he saw people drowning, their heads bobbing up and "sliding away across the water like plastic bags."

He said he jumped in the water and managed to save a 20-year-old girl.

"I cannot describe the scene, it's a catastrophe," he said.

Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi ordered an investigation and, according to Iraqi TV, arrived in Mosul later Thursday, where he declared three days of national mourning.

The TV said nine workers operating the ferry have been detained and an arrest warrant is out for the owner of the tourist island where it was headed. □

# Poland snubs Russia before World War II commemoration

Associated Press

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** —

Polish authorities have refused to invite a Russian delegation to a commemoration ceremony marking the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II.

Krzysztof Szczerski, an aide to the Polish president, said Wednesday in comments carried by the Polish news agency PAP that Russia hasn't been invited to the events in September because of its aggressive actions in Ukraine.

Russia has been slapped with various international sanctions for its annexation of Ukraine's Crimea in 2014 and ongoing support for separatists in eastern Ukraine. Szczerski said the



In this Monday, Aug. 17, 2015 file photo, Krzysztof Szczerski, the foreign policy adviser of new Polish President Andrzej Duda announces that Duda will make his first trips to Tallin, Estonia and to Berlin, during a news conference at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw, Poland.

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anniversary ceremonies will be held "in the company of countries with whom Poland cooperates closely now for peace that is based on the respect for international law, for the sovereignty of nations and of their territory."

Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement late Wednesday that it was "bewildered" by the snub, and accused the Polish government of rewriting history to suit its political agenda.

"Despite the critical contribution of our country to defeating Hitler's Germany and liberating Poland from Nazi invaders, there is no place for Russia there," the statement said.

Former Prime Minister

Leszek Miller, an ex-Communist who is now running for a seat in the European Parliament, said on Polsat TV that "it is hard to talk about World War II without mentioning the armed effort of the Soviet Union."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was then the prime minister, traveled to Poland for anniversary observances 10 years ago and made a speech at the Westerplatte peninsula, in Gdansk, where the war began with Nazi Germany's invasion Sept. 1, 1939. Barely two weeks later, the Soviet Red Army also invaded Poland, carving it up jointly with Germany, an act that is still seen in Poland as betrayal. □





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## Death toll from cyclone surpasses 500 in southern Africa

By FARAI MUTSAKA  
Associated Press

**CHIMANIMANI, Zimbabwe (AP)** — A week after Cyclone Idai lashed southern Africa, flooding still raged Thursday as torrential rains caused a dam to overflow in Zimbabwe, threatening riverside populations.

The confirmed death toll in Zimbabwe, neighboring Mozambique and Malawi surpassed 500, with hundreds more feared dead in towns and villages that were completely submerged.

Aid agencies and several governments continued to step up their deployments, with helicopters in short supply for hundreds of thousands of people displaced by the cyclone.

Spokesman Herve Verhoosel of the World Food Program told reporters in Geneva of the "alarming news" that the Marowan-yati dam in Zimbabwe was hit by heavy rains overnight, putting populations in the region at risk.

Zimbabwe's defense minister said more than 120 bodies had been washed into neighboring Mozambique, where residents there buried them, and more bodies were still being recovered in rivers, raising the official death toll in the country to 259.

"Most of the bodies were washed into Mozambique and because they were in a really bad state, they could not keep the bodies," Defense Minister O-pah Muchinguri said, speaking in the eastern city of Mutare. "So they ended up burying them."

Meanwhile, the confirmed death toll in Mozambique rose to 217, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported, and in Malawi, at least 56 people were killed. But that was sure to rise. Mo-



People pass through a section of road damaged by the effects of Cyclone Idai in Nyamatanda about 50 kilometres from Beira, in Mozambique, Thursday March, 21, 2019.

zambican President Filipe Nyusi has estimated that 1,000 people could have been killed in his country alone. Zimbabwean officials have said some 350 people may have died in their country.

Homes, villages and entire towns were submerged across central Mozambique, where flooding created a muddy inland ocean 30 miles (50 kilometers) wide. The U.N. food aid agency said 400,000 people were displaced and "in urgent need of life-saving assistance" in Mozambique's coastal city of Beira and flooded areas along the Pungue and Buzi rivers.

The persistent rains lifted in some areas on Thursday, and floodwaters began to recede in Beira, the worst-hit city, and in the countryside, according to a Mozambican government report.

"Yesterday, 910 people were rescued by the humanitarian community,"

said Caroline Haga of the International Federation of the Red Cross in Beira. She said 210 were rescued by five helicopters and 700 were saved by boats.

Aid groups were continuing to work non-stop to rescue families desperately clinging to tree branches and rooftops for safety from the surging waters.

"A family saw their brick house swept away from them. When they went to another house for safety, the roof collapsed," Machiel Pouw, Save the Children's response team leader in Mozambique, said in a statement.

"Another family fled for safety in a tree. There are tens of thousands of heart-breaking stories like this, lives shattered over the past days."

It will be days before Mozambique's inundated plains drain toward the Indian Ocean and even longer before the full scale of the devastation is known.

WFP said Malawi's govern-

ment had reported more than 920,000 people in the country were affected by the floods. The agency said Idai had had a "limited impact" on Malawi, and projected that the number of affected people will decline as they return home.

In Zimbabwe, 90 percent of the district of Chimanimani — the country's hardest-hit — was significantly damaged, the agency said, estimating that 200,000 people would need food assistance over the next three months.

Aid has been slow to reach affected villagers due to collapsed infrastructure, although the military has been handing out small packets of cooking oil, maize meal and beans. □

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## Ex-President Michel Temer arrested in Brazil for corruption

By **PETER PRENGAMAN**  
**MAURICIO SAVARESE**  
**Associated Press**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Former Brazilian President Michel Temer was arrested on Thursday on corruption charges, a dramatic development in a sprawling graft probe that has roiled Latin America's largest nation and shows no sign of slowing.

In a statement, the Prosecutors Office in Rio de Janeiro said that Judge Marcelo Breitas had issued an arrest order for Temer, as well as Moreira Franco, a former minister and close ally of Temer, and eight others.

Construction company Engevix paid Temer bribes in exchange for a contract to build a nuclear powerplant in the city of Angra dos Reis in the southern part of Rio de Janeiro state, prosecutors said.

One of the Engevix executives told prosecutors in a plea bargain testimony that he paid more than US\$300,000 in 2014 to a company owned by a close Temer associate, Col. Joao Baptista Lima Filho. An arrest warrant was also issued for Lima Filho.

Globo Television showed



In this June 1, 2018 file photo, Brazil's President Michel Temer pauses during a speech at the Planalto Presidential Palace, in Brasilia, Brazil.

images of the former president being accompanied by police in Sao Paulo, where Temer lives. Helicopter images showed Temer getting out of a police convoy at an airport, presumably to be brought to Rio de Janeiro and processed. In a statement, Temer's Brazilian Democratic Movement party called the arrest "haphazard."

"The party hopes that the Justice Department re-es-

tablishes individual liberties and the presumption of innocence," it read. Breitas is overseeing the Rio portion of a massive corruption probe involving kickbacks to politicians and public officials. Since launching in March 2014, the so-called Car Wash investigation has led to the jailing of top businessmen and politicians, including

ex-President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who Brazilians uni-

versally call Lula.

Former Judge Sergio Moro, who oversaw many Car Wash cases and became an internationally known anti-corruption crusader, stepped down at the end of last year to become justice minister.

Many worried that Moro's absence could hurt the investigations. And the Car Wash probe has suffered a handful of recent defeats, including a decision by the

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Supreme Court to allow some corruption cases involving campaign finance, which figured heavily in the probe, to be tried by electoral courts.

This week, Moro himself suffered a setback when the speaker of the lower Chamber of Deputies in Congress slammed a tough-on-crime bill the former judge put forward and said it would only be considered after a major reform to the pension system.

Breitas' decision to arrest Temer will go a long way to answering questions about the future of the probe.

"If Lula and Temer can go to jail, who cannot?" said Carlos Melo, political science professor at Insper University in Sao Paulo.

"There are several formerly high-ranking politicians not in office at the moment, which makes them more exposed to police investigations." Temer, who was vice president, came to the presidency in 2016 after President Dilma Rousseff was impeached and ousted from office for mismanaging the federal budget. Rousseff and allies in her Workers' Party accused Temer of orchestrating her ouster, which he denied. □

## Facing arrest warrant, candidate delays return to Guatemala

By **SONIA PEREZ D.**  
**Associated Press**

**GUATEMALA CITY (AP)** — Presidential hopeful and former chief prosecutor Thelma Aldana will not immediately return to Guatemala after a warrant was issued for her arrest, she said in interviews with local media Thursday.

Aldana, who has been in neighboring El Salvador since Monday, said in brief comments to Prensa Libre and Guatevision that she is not coming back Thursday as previously planned. Aldana, 63, also said her team was evaluating the situation and she intends to return soon.

Calls from The Associated Press to Aldana were not answered.

A Guatemalan court said Tuesday that the warrant



Thelma Aldana, representing the Seed Movement Party, listens to a journalist's question during a press conference regarding her presidential nomination, in Guatemala City, on Sunday, March 10, 2019.

had been issued over alleged embezzlement related to anomalies in a contract during her time in office, but authorities have not given details.

That same day, Aldana was formally registered for the June election, which by

law provides her immunity from criminal prosecution. Her future is not entirely clear, however, given different interpretations of Guatemalan law. Some lawyers believe she already enjoys legal protection. But Leopoldo Guerra, director

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of candidate registry, said there is still a period when other parties can challenge her registration and immunity would take effect only once that is over.

As chief prosecutor, Aldana pressed a number of high-profile corruption investigations including cases against current President Jimmy Morales and some of his relatives and associates, as well as former President Otto Perez Molina, who remains in custody awaiting trial.

Both have denied any wrongdoing, and Morales has not been charged. Attempts to have his immunity lifted have fallen short of approval by the judiciary or congress. Interior Minister Enrique Degenhart has said that as far as he's concerned, the arrest warrant

is solid and police would carry it out if she returns to the country. Rotman Perez, Aldana's legal adviser, said Thursday that she will not be back in Guatemala until her security is guaranteed. "She is afraid for her safety, for her life," Perez said. "This has gone beyond the legal (arena). She does not rule out that someone could want to harm her."

Aldana's legal team has requested various judicial measures for her safety.

Aldana has accused political adversaries, including those she locked up for graft in her role as prosecutor, of being part of a "pact of the corrupt," which purportedly includes politicians, businesspeople, judges, prosecutors and private citizens implicated in corruption. □



# LOCAL



## University of Aruba and the COE to host 2019 International Island Conference



**ORANJESTAD —** The first “International Conference on Small Island States and Sub-National Island Jurisdictions” will be hosted by the University of Aruba, in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (COE) and the UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability, which is shared between the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) in Canada and the University of Malta. The dates are March 26-29, 2019.

The theme of the conference is “Island States and Island Territories: Sharing Stories of Island Life, Governance and Global Engagement.” The main focus of the conference is on the differences and similarities between those islands that are fully independent “Small Island Developing States” (SIDs) and those that maintain a political or constitutional link with metropolitan powers; “Subnational Island Jurisdictions” or SNIJs. One of the primary aims of the conference is to discuss the life, governance and global en-

agement on, for and with SIDS and SNIJs. The conference’s international planning committee is chaired by UNESCO co-chair, Dr. Jim Randall (UPEI). Local co-hosts include Arno Boersma and Francielle Laclé from the COE, Deborah Alexander from the Centre for Lifelong Learning at University of Aruba, and Glenn Thodé, Rector of the U of A, and Patrick Arens, Business Director. The planning committee comprises scholars from several academic institutions including the University of the West Indies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, University of Malta, Leiden University, and University of the West of England. As Conference Chair Jim Randall notes, “How islands govern themselves and the relations they negotiate with other jurisdictions has a major impact on their sustainable development. This conference brings together international, regional and local experts on island life to share their ideas and research results. I am especially excited to compare development perspectives from independent island

states with those from island territories.” Says University of Aruba Rector, Mr. Glenn Thodé, “Good governance is

needed for a just society, for ensuring human rights and for empowering citizens. This applies to all sectors of society, from public to private, NGOs, and academia. What are the aspects unique to island territories? How do the institutional structures on Small Island States assist or limit the ability to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals? We hope to engage with many on this unique event that will create a platform bringing to light these inquiries.” The conference features keynote addresses by four distinguished guests. The first, speaking on the opening morning of March 27, is the Honorable Evelyn C. Wever-Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba & Minister of General Affairs, Integrity, Energy, Innovation, & Gov-



ernment Organization. Her talk will focus on good governance. She believes taking a human-centered approach to policy-making combined with significant investment in innovation is the only way to help build a more sustainable future for generations to come. The second is Honorable Leona Romeo-Marlin, Prime Minister of Saint Maarten & Minister of General Affairs, speaking at 08:30 March 28. Her address will focus on island resilience and governance in the aftermath of the 2017 hurricanes.

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The third keynote speaker, speaking at a free public event on Thursday, March 28, 19:30-21:30, is Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino, a world-renowned scholar and researcher who has dedicated considerable efforts and energies to the growing field of island studies research—particularly that which seeks to contribute to a greater appreciation for different categories of small island territories. His keynote address is entitled, “Woke up, got out of bed, dragged a comb across my head: A day in the life of a SNIJ resident.”

Finally, the fourth keynote speaker is Dr. Peter Clegg, Associate Professor in Politics and Head of the Department of Health and Social Sciences at the University of the West of England, Bristol. He was formerly Visiting Research Fellow at both KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of South East Asian and Caribbean Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands, and at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), University of the West Indies, Jamaica. His presentation will be “Beyond Brexit and Cotonou: New Regionalisms in the Caribbean?”

All keynote addresses will take place at Aula, University of Aruba.

The conference will appeal to scholars, policymakers, NGO representatives, students and members of the general public interested in talking about island life from Aruba, the Caribbean and internationally.

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The Planning Committee is grateful for the contributions made by the sponsors to this event. These include The Dutch Ministry of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations, Guardian Group Fatum, University of the West of England, Aruba Tourism Authority, and the Think to Do Institute. □

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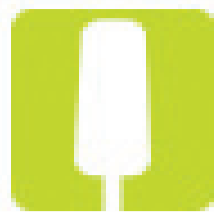
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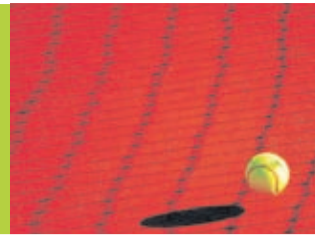
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# SPORTS



Seattle Mariners right fielder Ichiro Suzuki is jokingly pushed by umpire Bill Welke after the Mariners defeated the Oakland Athletics 5-4 in Game 2 of their Major League baseball opening series at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Thursday, March 21, 2019.

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## Ichiro walks off into history in 'sayonara' at Tokyo Dome

By S. WADE and T. BOOTH  
AP Sports Writers

**TOKYO (AP)** — At times, it seemed as if he'd go on hitting forever. But on Thursday night, a player who defined baseball at its very best on two continents for a generation, took his final swing.

Now 45, Ichiro Suzuki left the Tokyo Dome field in the eighth inning, waving goodbye to the packed crowd amid hugs from Seattle Mariners teammates in a three-minute walk that signaled to all his monumental run was over.

"I have ended my career and decided to retire," Ichiro said, speaking in Japanese at a news conference after a 5-4 win over Oakland in 12 innings. He said his contract was through the two games in Japan, and said he decided before arriving last week to step away.

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# HARD-EN LUCK

## Harden scores 57 but Grizzlies top Rockets in OT

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) reacts during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in Memphis, Tenn. The Grizzlies won 126-125 in overtime.

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# Dahmen, Straka share early lead at Innisbrook

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) —**

The PGA Tour event that doesn't have Tiger Woods this year instead has the Leaping Cougar.

That's a childhood nickname for Joel Dahmen, who took advantage of gentle, morning conditions Thursday on a tough Copperhead course for a 5-under 66 and a share of the lead with Austrian-born Sepp Straka in the Valspar Championship.

The tournament, trying to have a little fun during Spring Break in Florida, allowed players to put whatever name they wanted on the back of their caddie's bib. Dahmen, a cancer survivor who keeps golf and life in perspective, went with the name he was given as a boy in Washington state when he was part of a scouts group.

Dahmen doesn't leap.

"I've never seen a cougar," he said.

His father brought some childhood memorabilia to the Phoenix Open. Dahmen saw the "Leaping Cougar" label, a tour friend got hold of it and the cat was out of the bag.

"I figured the rest of the world should see it this week," Dahmen said.

Dahmen is playing a course



**Webb Simpson drives from the first tee during the first round of the Valspar Championship golf tournament in Palm Harbor, Fla., Thursday, March 21, 2019.**

he had never seen for the third straight week. But he has been playing well of late and considers himself a streaky player. Coming off a tie for 12th at The Players Championship, he handled Innisbrook with six birdies and a strong finish — a 6-iron to 4 feet for birdie on No. 3, a 7-iron to 5 feet on the par-3 fourth hole, a 20-foot birdie putt at No. 9. The lead stood when the wind picked up in the afternoon. Of the 28 rounds in the 60s, only eight were in the afternoon. One of them

belonged to Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world, who had not seen Innisbrook in nine years. He had a 69, with one birdie coming on the 578-yard 14th hole with a big drive and a 3-wood dead into the wind to 30 feet.

"I played a little bit better than my score," Johnson said. "But first time being here in a while, not real used to the golf course ... all in all, it was a good score. I felt the conditions were tricky."

It was all part of an action-

filled day at Innisbrook, where Russell Knox wiped out a double bogey on No. 9 by hitting 3-wood into the cup from 274 yards for an albatross on the par-5 11th, and riding that to a 29 on the back nine. He was one shot behind at 67.

And for the second straight week, Peter Uihlein saw the rarest shot in golf. He was standing on the 12th tee when he watched Knox's ball roll onto the green and into the cup. Last week at The Players, Uihlein was in the same group when Har-

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ris English made an albatross.

The group at 67 included Kevin Kisner and Luke Donald, a former world No. 1 who now is No. 919, largely the product of a back injury that has limited him to just six tournaments worldwide in the past year.

Donald was tied for the lead until a bogey on the final hole from a tough spot in a bunker some 30 yards short of the pin on the 18th. And while it's just one round, it's a round he needed to see for his state of mind, much less his back. "It makes your back feel better, actually, when you make a few birdies and hole a few putts," he said. "It's good for the soul. And it's been a while since I had

a really good round like that, and it does feel good. I felt very relaxed out there, which is somewhat unusual. The last year or two hasn't really been that way."

Woods played the Valspar Championship last year before enormous crowds and finished one shot behind, a key moment early in his comeback season that culminated with a victory. Woods didn't return this year with The Players moving back to March and the Match Play next week in Texas, his final event before the Masters. □

# Defender Ali Krieger returns to the U.S. women's national team

**CHICAGO (AP) —** Defender Ali Krieger has returned to the U.S. women's national team for the first time since 2017.

Krieger was named to the team's roster Thursday for exhibition matches against Australia and Belgium as the team prepares for the World Cup in France starting in June.

She has not played for the United States since a game against Russia on April 6, 2017.

Her last call-up to the team was for the Tournament of Nations in the summer of 2017.

Krieger, a veteran of the 2015 World Cup championship team, will help shore up the team's defense in the absence of Kelley O'Hara, who was left off the roster because of an ankle injury. "I spoke with Ali and she's excited to come into camp and help this team in any way she can," coach Jill Ellis said.

"Opportunities, however they transpire, are exactly that, and Ali has been a great pro and will no doubt lean on her experience and strengths when she comes back into this environment. Recently, she has

been training with her club in the outside back position and with the potential to add depth on the right side, it was good timing to bring Ali into this camp to join the other six defenders."

Krieger has 98 overall appearances with the national team. She recently announced her engagement to goalkeeper Ashlyn Harris, who was also called into training camp in Santa Barbara ahead of the friendly matches.

Krieger and Harris also play for the Orland Pride of the National Women's Soccer



**In this Feb. 10, 2016, file photo, United States defender Ali Krieger (11) controls the ball during a CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament soccer match against Costa Rica in Frisco, Texas.**

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League.

Ellis named 24 players to the roster. In addition to Krieger, Lindsey Horan returns after missing the She-Believes Cup because of a

quad injury.

The United States plays Australia on April 4 in Commerce City, Colorado, before facing Belgium in Los Angeles on April 7. □



# Lightning edge Capitals 5-4 in OT for 6th straight win

**By The Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Andrei Vasilevskiy made a franchise-record 54 saves, Nikita Kucherov scored twice and the NHL-leading Tampa Bay Lightning won their sixth consecutive game, beating the Washington Capitals 5-4 in overtime Wednesday night in a potential playoff preview. Victor Hedman scored 3:01 into overtime to keep the Lightning rolling in their first game since clinching the Presidents' Trophy and home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs. Vasilevskiy was on top of his game as Washington set a franchise record with 58 shots. He rebounded in the overtime after allowing Evgeny Kuznetsov to tie the score with 52.6 seconds left in regulation.

Kucherov's goals came on the power play and gave him 37 overall this season and increased his league-leading point total to 119. Anthony Cirelli and Steven Stamkos also scored for the Lightning. Stamkos added two assists. The Lightning's league-leading power play went 3 for 3, and their penalty kill was 5 for 6, thanks in large part to Vasilevskiy.

Lars Eller, Carl Hagelin and T.J. Oshie scored for the Capitals, who are trying to hold on to first place in the Metropolitan Division. Braden Holtby allowed five goals on 28 shots as the Lightning beat the Capitals for the second time in five days.

**JETS 3, DUCKS 0**  
**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Connor Hellebuyck made 29 saves in his first shutout of the season, and Kyle Connor had a goal and an assist in Winnipeg's fourth straight victory.

Mark Scheifele scored a power-play goal in the first period and Nikolaj Ehlers added a goal for the Jets, who extended their lead atop the Central Division to three points over Nashville. Jacob Trouba had two assists as the Jets completed a Southern California sweep and moved into position to clinch a playoff berth as early as Thursday

in Vegas. John Gibson stopped 20 shots for the Ducks, who were shut out for the seventh time in 2019.

Anaheim had won six of nine in a late-season surge before getting shut down by Hellebuyck.

**MAPLE LEAFS 4, SABRES 2**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — John Tavares and Auston Matthews each had a goal and assist, and Toronto won for just the second time in six games in beating Buffalo.

Mitchell Marner and Zach Hyman also scored and the Maple Leafs inched to within four points of the idle Boston Bruins in the race for second place in the Atlantic Division standings. Garret Sparks stopped

22 shots for Toronto, which was playing on consecutive nights after a 3-0 loss at Nashville.

Casey Mittelstadt and Alexander Nylander scored for Buffalo, which dropped to 1-7-1 in its past nine.

**CANUCKS 7, SENATORS 4**  
**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — Bo Horvat had two goals and an assist and Vancouver kept its playoff hopes alive with a win over short-handed Ottawa.

The Canucks matched their longest winning streak of the season with their third straight victory.

Elias Pettersson had two assists. He leads all rookies with 27 goals, 36 assists and 63 points.

Canuck goaltender Ja-



Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy, of Russia, stops the puck during the third period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Washington Capitals, Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in Washington.

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cob Markstrom stopped 21 shots.

Ottawa made it interesting when Max Veronneau, Brady Tkachuk and Oscar Lindberg scored goals 4:48

apart in the third period. Anthony DuClair scored on the power play with under two minutes left with goaltender Craig Anderson on the bench. □

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# Embiid, 76ers top Celtics for 6th straight victory

By The Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Joel Embiid had 37 points, 22 rebounds and a key block on Kyrie Irving with 35 seconds remaining, and Jimmy Butler scored 15 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to lead the 76ers over the Boston Celtics for their sixth straight victory.

Tobias Harris added 21 points for the 76ers, who avoided a season sweep by the Celtics. Philadelphia (47-25) holds the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference playoff race, three games ahead of idle Indiana and four in front of fifth-place Boston.

Irving scored 36 points for the Celtics.

The game was tied at 113 with a minute left before Ben Simmons converted a three-point play. He banked in a shot with his right hand and got fouled by Marcus Morris, hitting the free throw to make it 116-113 with 40.8 seconds to go. Embiid then rejected a driving Irving on the Celtics' ensuing possession and Butler sealed it with a long jumper from the wing with 4.7 ticks remaining.

**GRIZZLIES 126, ROCKETS 125, OT**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — James Harden scored 57 points but the Memphis Grizzlies outlasted Houston, handing the Rockets only their second loss in the last 14 games.

Mike Conley scored 35 points for Memphis and Jonas Valanciunas had a career-best 33, including the game-winning free throw with less than a second left. Valanciunas made the first of two free throws with 0.1 seconds remaining after he was fouled by Clint Capela under the Grizzlies basket. The clock ran out after Valanciunas, who also had 15 rebounds, missed the second foul shot.

Harden scored 15 during a 17-2 fourth-quarter burst that helped the Rockets tie the game at 115 at the end of regulation. Harden's three free throws with 4 seconds left tied it.

**HEAT 110, SPURS 105**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Goran Dragic had 22



Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid (21) shoots as Boston Celtics' Terry Rozier, from right, Aron Baynes, Marcus Smart and Al Horford watch during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in Philadelphia.

points and the Miami Heat snapped the Spurs' nine-game winning streak, sending Dwyane Wade home a winner in his final game in San Antonio.

Dion Waiters added 18 points and Josh Richardson had 15 for Miami, which has won three straight.

San Antonio's previous loss was Feb. 25 in Brooklyn as part of their 1-7 Rodeo Road Trip. The Spurs had won 11 straight at home.

The Spurs had six players in double figures, but only two starters. LaMarcus Aldridge scored 17 points and DeRozan added 16. Patty Mills and Marco Belinelli added 17 apiece.

**CAVALIERS 107, BUCKS 102**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Rookie Collin Sexton scored 25 points, Jordan Clarkson added 23 and the Cavaliers delayed Milwaukee from clinching the Central Division with a win over the bruised Bucks, who were without superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Sexton made a 3-pointer with 1:42 left and dropped a driving layup one minute later as the Cavs held on. Down 105-102, Milwaukee had a chance to tie it but had an ugly turnover without getting a shot off.

Cleveland's Kevin Love, who missed Monday's game in Detroit with a sore lower back, left in the third quarter with an apparent

head injury.

**MAGIC 119, PELICANS 96**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Evan Fournier scored 22 points and Aaron Gordon added 20 and the Magic routed the New Orleans Pelicans. Terrence Ross had 19 points and Nikola Vucevic added 15 points and 17 rebounds for Orlando, which won its third straight.

New Orleans played without All-Star center Anthony Davis, who flew home Wednesday morning. The team said Davis was excused to attend a family matter. Stanley Johnson led the Pelicans with 18 points. New Orleans' Elfrid Payton had his streak of triple-doubles end at five straight games. He finished with seven points, two assists and three rebounds. The only other NBA players with a triple-double in five straight games are Russell Westbrook (four times), Oscar Robertson (three), Wilt Chamberlain (two) and Michael Jordan (one).

**JAZZ 137, KNICKS 116**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Donovan Mitchell scored 30 points, Rudy Gobert made all seven shots and added 18 points, and the Utah Jazz romped to their fifth straight lopsided victory by beating the Knicks.

Joe Ingles made six 3-pointers and also scored 18, while Mitchell made five 3-pointers as the Jazz fin-

ished 20 of 42 (48 percent) from behind the arc.

The Jazz led by as much as 37 in a game that was even easier than their recent easy victories. They started their winning streak with a 17-point win over Phoenix, then beat Minnesota by 20, Brooklyn by 16 and Washington by 21.

Kevin Knox scored 27 points and Mario Hezonja had 23 for the Knicks, who lost for the 10th time in 11 games in the opener of a six-game homestand that keeps them home into early next month.

**BULLS 126, WIZARDS 120, OT**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Lauri Markkanen had 32 points and 13 rebounds, Kris Dunn scored a season-high 26 — including eight in overtime — to go with 13 assists, and the short-handed Bulls beat the fading Washington Wizards.

Shaquille Harrison scored 18, and Cristiano Felicio 15 for the Bulls, who won their second straight after dropping five in a row, despite leading scorer Zach LaVine (bruised right thigh, right knee tendinitis) and Otto Porter Jr. (strained right rotator cuff) not playing because of injuries.

Jabari Parker led Washington with 28 points against his former team. Bradley Beal scored 27 and hit the tying jumper in the closing seconds of regulation. But

the Wizards lost for the third time in four games.

**TRAIL BLAZERS 126, MAVERICKS 118**

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Damian Lillard had 33 points and 12 assists to lead the Trail Blazers past the Dallas Mavericks.

Seth Curry scored 20 off the bench for the Blazers, who have won five of six as they try to secure home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. Portland (44-27) led by as many as 25, and Lillard hit six of the team's 16 3-pointers.

Luka Doncic had 24 points for the Mavericks, who have lost nine of 10 and sit in second-to-last place in the West, ahead of the Phoenix Suns.

Portland rested Lillard in the fourth quarter. Enes Kanter had 14 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for his first double-double since joining the Blazers just before the All-Star break.

**RAPTORS 123, THUNDER 114**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Pascal Siakam had 33 points and 13 rebounds, Fred VanVleet added 23 points and six assists and the Toronto Raptors won the first of two games in three days against Oklahoma City, blowing a 20-point lead in the second half before beating the Thunder.

Atlantic Division-leading Toronto snapped a four-game losing streak against Oklahoma City despite the absence of starting guard Kyle Lowry, who sat out with a sprained right ankle sustained Monday in a win over the New York Knicks. The Raptors did so with balanced scoring, good ball movement — four players had six assists — and strong shooting, making 51.7 percent overall and 38.9 percent from 3-point range (14 of 36). Kawhi Leonard added 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Danny Green scored 17.

In his return after a one-game suspension for accumulating too many technical fouls, Russell Westbrook had 42 points, 11 rebounds and six assists for Oklahoma City, which has lost four straight games and 10 of 14. □



## 'sayonara'

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"After the reception I got today, how could I possibly have any regrets?" he said. "I couldn't play well enough in spring training to earn an extension."

Ichiro went 0 for 4 in his farewell. In his last at-bat, he came up with two outs, a runner on second and a tie score in the eighth. He hit a slow grounder to shortstop and, still hustling the whole way, was barely thrown out at first.

He took his spot in right field in the eighth, then was pulled by manager Scott Servais and the walk into history began in front of a sellout of 45,000. He strolled in, turned and waved to the crowd with all of the usually reserved Japanese fans on their feet.

To chants of "Ichiro, Ichiro, Ichiro" he was greeted at the dugout — and later in the dugout — by emotional embraces from teammates.

Yusei Kikuchi, the Japanese rookie pitcher who started the game in his big league debut, openly broke down crying when he embraced Ichiro.

Kikuchi later took a full minute to compose himself before responding about Ichiro's impact. And he cried when the two embraced in the dugout after the game. "Since spring training to this day, Ichiro told us it is a gift for him to play in Tokyo," Kikuchi said speaking through a translator. "But for me, he gave me the greatest gift that I can play with him."

Yet when Mariners teammate Dee Gordon bowed, Ichiro broke into a laugh — like, "not necessary, bro." Oakland players stood solemnly and watched camera flashes and iPhones catch the historic scene. All over the stadium signs read: "Ichiro we love you" and "Ichiro is Life." Fans wore his famous No. 51 in all shades, colors and from all eras.

The fans got one more chance to salute when he came back on the field after the game and acknowledged their ovations.

Ichiro was 0 for 5 in the two regular-season games against the A's in Tokyo, leaving him with 3,089 hits in 19 seasons — a sure Hall of Fame resume. He had 1,278 before that over nine years in Japan, making him baseball's all-time hits leader.

Ichiro struggled in spring training with only two hits in 25 at-bats. And in two exhibition games in Tokyo against the Tokyo Giants he was 0 for 6.

"I really wanted to play until I was 50, but I couldn't do it," he said. "It was a way of motivating myself and, if I'd never said it, I don't think I would have come this far." Ichiro praised his countrymen, who are famous for being reserved. Not tonight. Not on this night.

"Japanese people I have always thought don't in general express themselves," he said. "But today's experience blew that away. They were incredibly passionate tonight."

"When I look back on my career, I know I will remember today as the most memorable day, without a doubt."

For years, Ichiro's at-bats were must-see TV in his homeland, with fans tuning in during breakfast and their morning commute. A star before he left, he became an even bigger sensation once he proved that yes, a Japanese hitter could indeed succeed across the ocean in the majors.

He said he'd probably train Friday, keeping up his workout routine, but wasn't sure what comes next. He joked he lacked the "charisma" to be a manager.

"I'll be known as the 'Man Formerly Known as Ichiro,'" he cracked.

Ichiro's retirement had been anticipated for a while.

The outfielder returned to the Mariners before the start of the 2018 season, then transitioned last May into a role as the special assistant to the chairman that allowed him to still be with the team and take part in pregame workouts, but meant he could not play in



Seattle Mariners right fielder Ichiro Suzuki returns to the field for waiting fans after Game 2 of the Major League baseball opening series against the Oakland Athletics at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Thursday, March 21, 2019.

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any games.

Ichiro was a 10-time All-Star, an AL MVP and Rookie of the Year and won 10 Gold Gloves. He set the record with 262 hits in a season and wound up with a .311 batting average.

He became one of the most important figures in baseball history, and not just because of his stats and awards.

Ichiro carried the burden of an entire country in coming to the United States, and his success created opportunity for the countless others who have followed. Whether he wants to accept the label or not, Suzuki was a trailblazer. His influence and importance shouldn't be understated.

He preceded Hideki Matsui, who had a stellar career with the New York Yankees, by two years. In the years since, players like Nori Aoki, Kosuke Fukudome and Kaz Matsui followed.

Last year marked the arrival of two-way sensation Shohei Ohtani.

Ohtani said he watched highlights of Ichiro's final game when he woke up at Los Angeles Angels' camp in Arizona.

"I still can't believe it," he said through a translator. "I won't be able to see him play anymore but I'll still have all the memories."

At the New York Yankees' spring training site, New York Yankees pitcher Masahiro Tanaka said it was hard to describe Ichiro's legacy on aspiring players in Japan.

"It's too grand of an impact. I can't even put them into words," Tanaka said through a translator.

As for the reception at Ichiro's finale, he added: "I think that atmosphere, it only happens to special players. You sense respect. Because of who he is, that happened today."

Ichiro became a one-word, household name in Seattle. It was only right his final professional game came with that team.

But it was time for Suzuki to step away. Suzuki hit .205 in 44 at-bats and all nine of his hits last season were singles. This year, too often, Suzuki looked like a 45-year-old trying to hang on.

Ichiro admitted he badly wanted to get a hit in Tokyo. And his fans always wanted to see him play in the World Series — his teams made it to the playoffs just twice, never advancing to the Fall Classic.

He expressed no regrets, however. Well, maybe one. "I had 3,089 hits in America," he said. "But I think my wife — who always makes me rice balls before games — said she made 2,800 rice balls. So I wish I could have played long enough so she could have hit 3,000 as well." □





Venus Williams tosses the ball to serve at the Miami Open tennis tournament, Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Miami Gardens, Fla. Associated Press

## 3-time champ Venus Williams wins opening match at Miami Open

**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)** — Three-time tournament champion Venus Williams won her opening match Thursday at the new site of the Miami Open by beating Dalila Jakupovic 7-5, 6-3. Williams won the tournament in 1998, 1999 and 2001 when it was played on Key Biscayne. The event moved this year to the Miami Dolphins' complex,

and Williams played in the stadium. Whitney Osuigwe, a 16-year-old qualifier from Bradenton, Florida, earned her first WTA Tour victory by beating Mari Osaka, 6-2, 6-4. Osaka is the sister of 2018 champion Naomi Osaka. No. 3-seeded Petra Kvitova won her opening match by beating Maria Sakkari 6-1, 6-4. □



In this Friday, March 15, 2019 file photo, Spain's Rafael Nadal at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, in Indian Wells, Calif. Associated Press

## Nadal to return from knee injury on Monte Carlo Masters clay

**PARIS (AP)** — Rafael Nadal is expected to make his return from a knee injury at the Monte Carlo Masters, after being included in the official list of players on Thursday. Tournament organizers announced the line-up for the clay-court tournament in Paris. Nadal has won it a record 11 times and held a 46-match winning streak

at Monte Carlo from 2005-13 — the most consecutive wins at a tournament by any man or woman. Last Saturday, the second-ranked Nadal withdrew from his semifinal at Indian Wells against longtime rival Roger Federer after feeling pain in his troublesome right knee during the quarterfinal against Karen Khachanov. □



In this May 28, 2016 file photo, a player's shadow is pictured as he returns the ball during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris. Associated Press

## Growing match-fixing probe in tennis snares more players

By **JOHN LEICESTER AP Sports Writer**

**PARIS (AP)** — French police have questioned another batch of tennis players in a growing investigation into a match-fixing syndicate suspected of paying out hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix low-level matches, judicial officials said Thursday.

Seven French players were taken into custody this week and later released, taking the total number questioned in France so far to 17, the officials said. An initial batch of four players was first questioned in January. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they aren't authorized to publicly discuss the investigation.

The probe is being led by authorities in Belgium, where the syndicate's suspected ringleader, an Armenian, is based. Belgian authorities say Grigor Sargsyan remains in custody in his home, monitored with an electronic bracelet. Investigators say corrupted players bought off by the fixers knew Sargsyan as "Maestro." The massive scheme, organized via encrypted messaging and involving dozens of low-ranked players in small tournaments with little prize money, is believed to have

spread tentacles to more than a half-dozen countries, including the United States. Belgian authorities say they've requested assistance from the FBI, as well as counterparts in Egypt, Slovakia, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Germany. This week's additional detentions were first reported Thursday by French sports daily L'Equipe. Officials didn't identify the players. A Belgian investigator said five of the French players questioned so far have admitted to taking money from the syndicate to fix matches, and that one player believed to have fixed about two dozen matches confessed to police that he pocketed 30,000 euros (\$34,000).

The number of players suspected of involvement continues to grow. Belgian investigators, who have been pouring through phone records and other evidence, believe they have now identified 137 players suspected of fixing or attempted fixing. The syndicate allegedly paid 500 to 3,000 euros (\$570 to \$3,400) for fixed matches, sets or games. Police say the syndicate employed mules, people hired for a few dollars to place bets on fixed matches that were small enough to slip un-

der the radar of gambling watchdogs. The Belgian investigator said evidence collected so far suggests the syndicate knew other match-fixers in Spain but they weren't working together. Another investigator said several players who took money from the syndicate told the French police during questioning that they did so because prize monies at low-level tournaments are too small to pay their expenses. Players told the police that they often saw the so-called Maestro at such tournaments, working to recruit other accomplices, and they described him as friendly and non-threatening, the investigator said.

So far, France has the biggest number of players questioned in the probe. The first four were named by investigators as Jules Okala, 21; Mick Lescure, 25; Yannick Thivant, 32; and Jerome Inzerillo, 29. None operated in the highest spheres of tennis. The career-best singles ranking of any of them was 354, reached by Inzerillo in 2012. L'Equipe said it interviewed Inzerillo, accompanied by his lawyer, this week and that he told the newspaper that he had never been approached to fix a match. □



# IndyCar Classic set for debut race at U.S. home of F1

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — From the time the first piles of dirt and rock were moved to start paving a new Formula One track in Texas, the owners of the Circuit of the Americas eyed a future with IndyCar.

It may have taken longer than fans had hoped, but they finally have one. And with the first IndyCar Classic this weekend, the mission now is to develop what organizers hope will be the second-biggest race of the IndyCar calendar.

"I think it can happen," track President Bobby Epstein said. "It just has to get bigger every year."

Epstein has insisted the IndyCar Classic will make a splash in its debut as the second race of the 2019 season, including a unique \$100,000 bonus if the driver who wins the pole position also wins the race. The drivers first learned of the bonus on Thursday.

"Sweet!" James Hinchcliffe said while wringing his hands at the prospect. "That will be a nice bottle of wine." Built for Formula One, the 3.41-mile Circuit of the Americas opened in 2012 and has catered primarily to the European-based racing series F1 and MotoGP, hosting the U.S. Grand Prix and the Grand Prix of the Americas, respectively, every year. While Epstein also wanted to host IndyCar, the Austin track had been frozen out by a geographic exclusivity clause the American series had in its contract

with Texas Motor Speedway just three hours north in Fort Worth. The restriction frustrated some fans, but it also gave the Circuit of the Americas time to mature as a track and gain exposure as a global and national destination for drivers and fans, Epstein said.

Relations between the two Texas tracks had been touchy for years, but now that both host IndyCar races about 10 weeks apart, Epstein sees no reason why both can't thrive.

"Their health is as important to the health of racing as ours is," Epstein said. "They didn't really roll out the welcome mat because they didn't know what we would become. Everybody has the right to be protective of their investment. (But) I don't think their success comes at our loss and I would hope they feel the same way."

Texas Motor Speedway President Eddie Gossage said he wants the IndyCar Classic to be a hit.

"I would expect their crowd to top 100,000 people. It's a new thing, a novelty, and for their first visit there they should draw a huge crowd," Gossage said. "When we first ran IndyCar, we drew well over 100,000 people for the race for many years. That kind of success Sunday will be good for all racing in Texas."

IndyCar has pushed to boost its new track's profile in the offseason, hosting its preseason media days and two days of testing here in February. Several drivers



In this Sunday, March 10, 2019, file photo, Andretti Autosport driver Alexander Rossi, of United States, talks with a crew member before the warm up period at the IndyCar Grand Prix auto race in St Petersburg, Fla.

were already familiar with the circuit, having turned laps in F1 or in private visits in years past. Andretti Autosports' Alexander Rossi, Arrow Schmidt Peterson's Marcus Ericsson and Carlin's Max Chilton all raced in Austin in F1. Ericsson finished 10th at the U.S. Grand Prix last year.

Ericsson said the F1 experience is of little value in his new series.

"I had all my reference points and did the first round (of practice) and it didn't really work," Ericsson said. "The Indy car today is very different to drive with

grip and power steering. Things that worked in an F1 car don't really work in an Indy car."

The most tantalizing aspect for the former F1 drivers is returning with a chance to win. Rossi had little chance of even making the podium when he raced the U.S. Grand Prix for Marussia in 2015. Rossi finished 12th that year after eight other cars retired and still was more than 1 minute, 15 seconds off the winning pace. Since joining IndyCar, Rossi is a five-time race winner, including the 2016 Indianapolis 500, and finished

second in the championship last season. Rossi finished fifth in the season opener at St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 10, a race won by Team Penske's Josef Newgarden.

"When I've come here in the past, I came into the weekend fully knowing there really wasn't any chance," Rossi said. "To be able to come in here this weekend, competing on a level where we have as good a shot as anybody to win the race, is pretty cool. There's almost unfinished business box we'd like to tick here." □

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## Sports court delays Semenya appeal verdict for 1 month

**LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)** — South African runner Caster Semenya will have to wait until the end of April to get a verdict in her challenge of IAAF rules seeking to control naturally high testosterone levels in female athletes.

The delay announced Thursday by the Court of Arbitration for Sport to allow more legal debate creates confusion for Semenya and other runners affected by

the proposed rules who are preparing for the world championships in September.

The court had last month set a target of next Tuesday for a verdict — six months and one day before Semenya is due to begin defending her 800-meter title at the worlds in Doha, Qatar.

The IAAF's intended rules require female runners to medically control their natural testosterone for at least

six months before running in top-tier middle-distance races.

The new target for a verdict is just five months before the track worlds open.

The complex case was the subject of an unprecedented five-day appeal hearing last month in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"The parties have filed additional submissions and materials and agreed to postpone (the verdict),"

the court said in a statement.

The decision, to be made by three CAS judges, will decide how athletes with what the IAAF refers to as "differences of sexual development (DSD)" are treated.

Semenya's lawyers have said the rules discriminate against her and her "genetic gift." The IAAF argued it is striving to ensure fairness on the track because

DSD athletes have testosterone levels in the male range, giving them an unfair advantage.

The case will likely hinge on whether the IAAF can prove with scientific data that testosterone gives the DSD runners a significant advantage.

If Semenya's appeal is dismissed, she could switch to running the 5,000 meters without being required to medicate. □



# Facebook left millions of passwords readable by employees

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Facebook left millions of user passwords readable by its employees for years, the company acknowledged Thursday after a security researcher exposed the lapse.

By storing passwords in readable plain text, Facebook violated fundamental computer-security practices. Those call for organizations and websites to save passwords in a scrambled form that makes it almost impossible to recover the original text.

“There is no valid reason why anyone in an organization, especially the size of Facebook, needs to have access to users’ passwords in plain text,” said cybersecurity expert Andrei Barysevich of Recorded Future.

Facebook said there is no evidence its employees abused access to this data. But thousands of employees could have searched them. The company said the passwords were stored on internal company servers, where no outsiders could access them.

The incident reveals yet another huge and basic oversight at a company that insists it is a responsible guardian for the personal data of its 2.2 billion users worldwide. The security blog KrebsOnSecurity said Facebook may have



In this Aug. 21, 2018, file photo a Facebook start page is shown on a smartphone in Surfside, Fla. **Associated Press**

left the passwords of some 600 million Facebook users vulnerable. In a blog post, Facebook said it will likely notify “hundreds of millions” of Facebook Lite users, millions of Facebook users and tens of thousands of Instagram users that their passwords were stored in plain text. Facebook Lite is a version designed for people with older phones or low-speed internet connections. It is used primarily in developing countries. Last week, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg touted a new “privacy-focused vision” for the social network that would emphasize private communication over public sharing. The com-

pany wants to encourage small groups of people to carry on encrypted conversations that neither Facebook nor any other outsider can read.

The fact that the company couldn’t manage to do something as simple as encrypting passwords, however, raises questions about its ability to manage more complex encryption issues — such in messaging — flawlessly.

Facebook said it discovered the problem in January. But security researcher Brian Krebs wrote that in some cases the passwords had been stored in plain text since 2012. Facebook Lite launched in 2015 and

Facebook bought Instagram in 2012.

Recorded Future’s Barysevich said he could not recall any major company caught leaving so many

passwords exposed internally. He said he’s seen a number of instances where much smaller organizations made such information readily available — not just to programmers but also to customer support teams.

Security analyst Troy Hunt, who runs the “haveibeenpwned.com” data breach website, said that the situation is embarrassing for Facebook, but that there’s no serious, practical impact unless an adversary gained access to the passwords. But Facebook has had major breaches, most recently in September when attackers accessed some 29 million accounts.

Jake Williams, president of Rendition Infosec, said storing passwords in plain text is “unfortunately more common than most of the industry talks about” and tends to happen when developers are trying to rid a system of bugs. □

## First artificial intelligence Google Doodle features Bach



This image provided by Google shows the animated Google Doodle on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

**Associated Press**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP)**

— Google is celebrating composer Johann Sebastian Bach with its first artificial intelligence-powered Doodle.

Thursday’s animated Google Doodle shows the composer playing an organ in celebration of his March 21, 1685, birthday under the old Julian calendar. It encourages users to compose their own two-measure melody.

Google says the Doodle uses machine learning to “harmonize the custom melody into Bach’s signa-

ture music style.” Bach’s chorales were known for having four voices carrying their own melodic line.

To develop the AI Doodle, Google teams created a machine-learning model that was trained on 306 of Bach’s chorale harmonizations.

Another team worked to allow machine learning to occur within the web browser instead of on its servers.

The Doodle will prompt users who are unsure of how to interact with the animated graphic. □

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# Vulnerable to attack: Businesses should boost cyber defenses

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**

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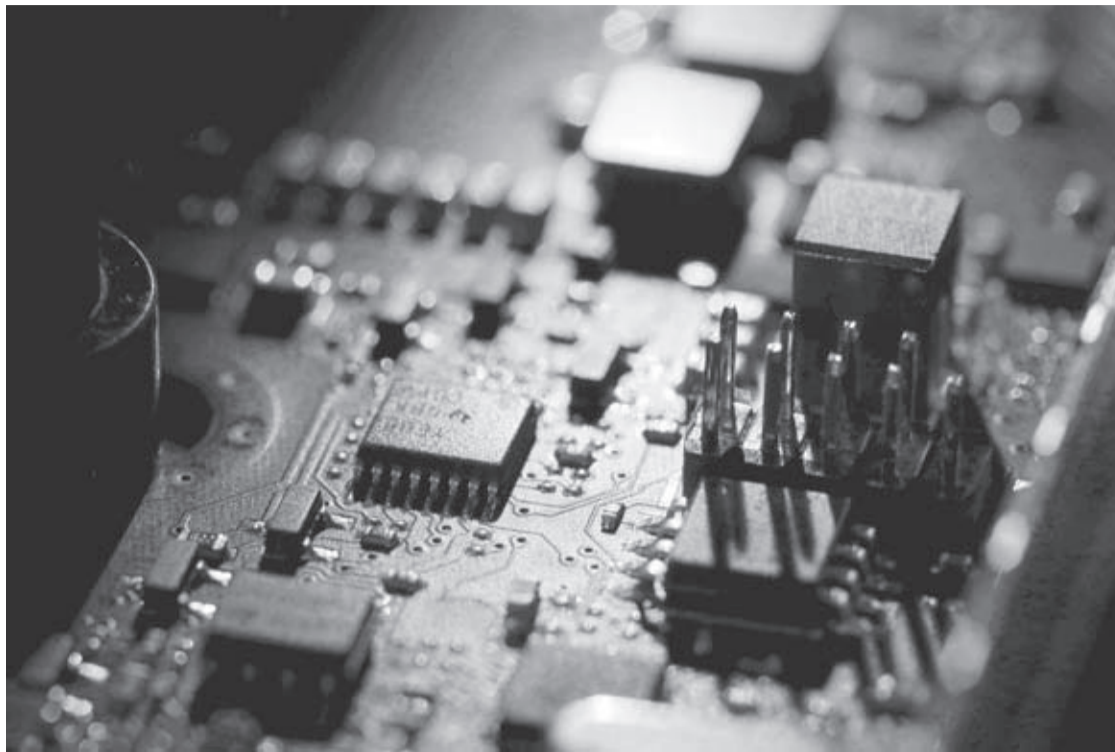
**NEW YORK (AP)** — When cyberthieves attacked Empire Industries' computer network, technology manager Rich Shemanskis could see files in the process of being infected by malicious software.

"We were looking at the network, and I noticed it, and another guy noticed it. We're looking at the files and watching them change," Shemanskis recalls about the attack three years ago.

Shemanskis told staffers to quickly shut down their PCs, which helped limit the malware's spread, but the company did lose about a day's worth of work. The saving grace for the Manchester, Connecticut, manufacturer of building materials was it had backed up most of its files. A cyberattack that leads to down time and lost data can be more costly for smaller companies than for larger businesses — an average of \$763 per affected computer or other device versus \$470, according to a 2018 study by the Poneman Institute, which researches data protection. Many small businesses don't have sophisticated systems to protect themselves from hackers, viruses, malware and what's called ransomware, which renders files inaccessible unless a computer user pays thieves to release them. And many owners aren't tech-savvy enough to anticipate potential problems or don't make use of technology staffers or outside help to strengthen their defenses.

After the attack, Empire reassessed its security. "We already had antivirus protection, but we upgraded everything — we added more layers of security," Shemanskis says. Empire's experience shows why it's critical for small businesses to keep strong defenses against cyber-criminals.

"The nature of the threat continues to evolve," says Diana Burley, a professor at George Washington University's Graduate School



This Feb 23, 2019, photo shows the inside of a computer in Jersey City, N.J.

of Education and Human Development whose expertise includes cybersecurity. Cyberthieves use increasingly advanced technology and develop attack methods that are harder to detect and foil, she says.

A company's computers can be invaded indirectly — a supplier or customer could be attacked and the virus or malware is passed along if computer systems are linked. That's how cyberthieves hacked into the computers of discount retailer Target in 2013 — they broke in after first invading the system of one of Target's vendors. Target had to settle legal claims for having not protected customers' information that was stolen.

Smaller businesses are likely to be even more vulnerable, Burley says, adding that "it is the responsibility of the business to be aware that those things can happen."

Sometimes the invasion is more low-tech. Jay Marose, who has a Los Angeles-based publicity business, allowed a longtime friend who was also a client to use his password to access his website-building account. The friend logged into the account after their work relationship ended, took files that didn't belong to him and reversed his payment to Marose. The incident cost the publicist

\$10,000 and two clients. Marose realizes that giving the password to someone else was a mistake. But the theft was made easier by the website company's

weak security — it didn't use two-factor authentication, which requires a temporary passcode in addition to a password. Moreover, the theft hap-

pened during a hurricane and the company was shut down for 10 days; Marose couldn't get any help.

Marose now guards his information closely. "It changed the way I do business going forward," Marose says.

The attack on Amanda Naor's website showed her why it's critical to back up content and data. Naor, who has a photography business in Los Angeles, tried to log into her site early last year but her password was rejected. Technicians at the company that hosted her site found that someone had hacked in and changed the password. Naor created a new password, but a week later was again locked out and her website was completely disorganized — pictures and text were jumbled haphazardly. She had no backup. □

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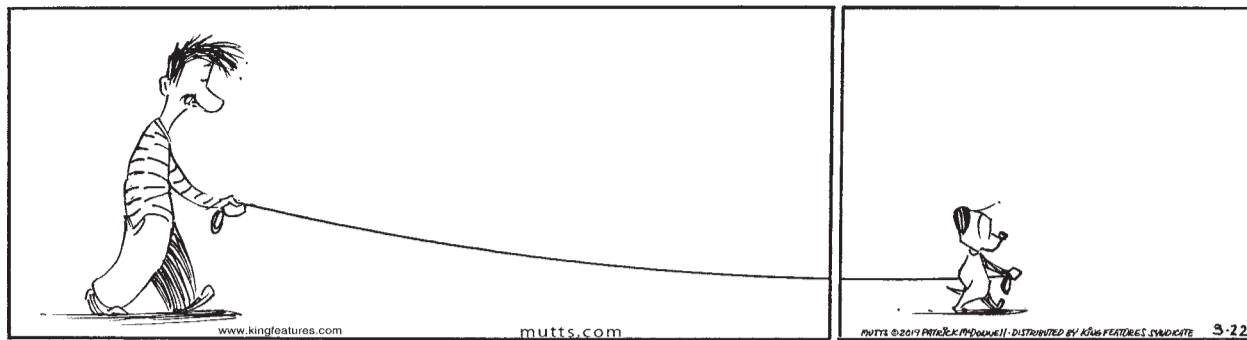
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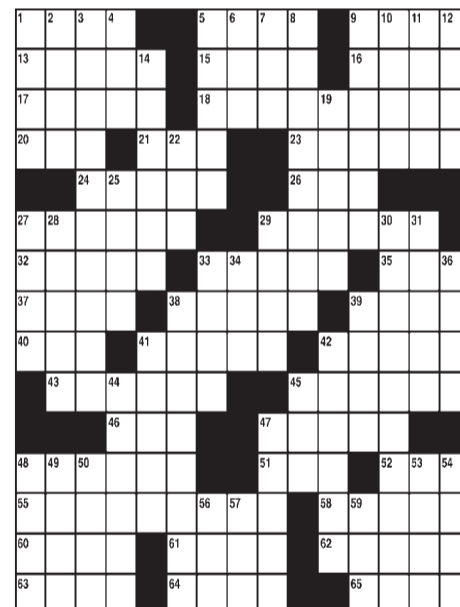
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	3	8	5	6	2	4	1	7
6	1	5	4	7	9	8	3	2
4	2	7	8	1	3	6	5	9
3	7	4	6	9	5	1	2	8
2	8	6	1	4	7	5	9	3
1	5	9	2	3	8	7	4	6
5	6	3	7	2	4	9	8	1
7	4	2	9	8	1	3	6	5
8	9	1	3	5	6	2	7	4

**ACROSS**

- 1 Unwanted spare tire
- 5 African antelopes
- 9 Swiss skier's milieu
- 13 Toil
- 15 Misplace
- 16 Jump
- 17 "Home \_\_\_", popular 1990 film
- 18 Wipe out
- 20 Bagpiper's cap
- 21 \_\_\_ Diego
- 23 Pressed
- 24 Greek Orthodox artworks
- 26 Floor pad
- 27 Pet bird
- 29 Racetrack frequenter
- 32 Change to fit in
- 33 747, for one
- 35 Contented sound
- 37 BBQ favorites
- 38 Distributed the deck
- 39 Read over quickly
- 40 Internet giggle
- 41 Door hanger's piece
- 42 Razz
- 43 Choose
- 45 Seashores
- 46 Cereal grain
- 47 Isle of \_\_\_; Italian resort
- 48 Chevrolet sedan
- 51 "\_\_\_ Miss"; university nickname
- 52 "The \_\_\_ Gray Mare"
- 55 Mushroom
- 58 Nairobi's nation
- 60 Hasn't a \_\_\_; is uninformed
- 61 \_\_\_ more; again
- 62 Wake-up device
- 63 \_\_\_ up; delayed
- 64 Word of disgust
- 65 Escape



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

CAT	GLASS	SOLE
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OVER	EAGLE	SAGE
TESS	DRESS	RYE

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**DOWN**

- 1 \_\_\_ as a pancake
- 2 In \_\_\_ land; unaware of reality
- 3 Atrocious
- 4 "\_\_\_ voyage!"
- 5 Narrow valleys
- 6 And not
- 7 Neighbor of Canada; abbr.
- 8 Grit at the bottom of a liquid
- 9 "Little Women" author
- 10 Slender
- 11 Cracker spread
- 12 Ran fast
- 14 Vacation spot
- 19 Furious
- 22 \_\_\_ day now; soon
- 25 Beans
- 27 Rob Reiner's dad
- 28 Bye in Barcelona
- 29 Actor Christian
- 30 Infrequent
- 31 Cut of beef
- 33 \_\_\_ up; unable to go out
- 34 Fail to keep up
- 36 Singles
- 38 Stalin or Mussolini; e.g.
- 39 Burn slightly
- 41 Makes well
- 42 U.S. state capital
- 44 Rich, slangily
- 45 Coolidge or Ripken
- 47 Nat King & Natalie
- 48 Poison ivy symptom
- 49 Burrowing critter
- 50 Name for a Beatle
- 53 Early harp
- 54 Knighted woman
- 56 "Cat \_\_\_ Hot Tin Roof"
- 57 31-day month; abbr.
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# Unprecedented spring flooding possible, U.S. forecasters say

By **SETH BORENSTEIN** and **JEFF MARTIN**

**Associated Press**

The stage is set for unprecedented major flooding this spring for most of the nation, U.S. weather officials said Thursday.

More than 200 million Americans are at risk for some kind of flooding, with 13 million of them at risk of major inundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in its spring weather outlook. About 41 million people are at risk of moderate flooding.

Major flooding now occurring in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri and other Midwestern states is a preview of an all-too-wet and dangerous spring, said Mary Erickson, deputy director of the National Weather Service. "In fact, we expect the flooding to get worse and more widespread," she said.

This year's flooding "could be worse than anything we've seen in recent years, even worse than the historic floods of 1993 and 2011," she said. Those floods caused billions of dollars in damage, and officials said this year's damage in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota has already passed the billion-dollar mark. Forecasters said the biggest risks include all three Mississippi River basins, the Red River of the North, the Great Lakes, plus the basins of the eastern Missouri River, lower Ohio River, lower Cumberland River and the Tennessee River.

"This is the broadest expanse of area in the United States that we've projected with an elevated risk that I can remember," said Thomas Graziano, a 20-year weather service veteran and director of the



**This Wednesday, March 20, 2019 aerial photo shows flooding near the Platte River in Plattsmouth, Neb., south of Omaha.**

**Associated Press**

Office of Water Prediction. "Is this the perfect storm? I don't know."

A lot depends on how much rain falls in the next couple months, Graziano said, but forecasters say it will be more than average. The Missouri River has already set records with historic flood marks measured in 30 places in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, Kansas City forecaster Kevin Lao said.

The river "remains vulnerable to moderate flooding for the remainder of the spring and early summer," Lao said. "People should be prepared for major flooding along the Missouri River ... going into the future."

Most of Nebraska, except right along the Missouri River, is unlikely to see major flooding again this year, but the rest of the flooded area is still prone to more, Lao said.

Several factors will likely combine to create a pulse of flooding that will eventually head south along the Mississippi: above average rainfall this winter—including 10 to 15 inches earlier this year in a drenching along the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys; the third wettest year in U.S. history; and rapidly melting snow in the Upper Midwest.

Extra rain will bring more farm runoff down the Mississippi, which will likely lead to more oxygen-starved areas in the Gulf of Mexico and likely make the summer dead zone larger than normal, said Edward Clark, director of NOAA's National Water Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

It's too early for scientists to make the complex calculations to see if human-caused climate change played a role in the flood-

ing. However, scientists said the conditions are consistent with what they expect from global warming.

In addition to the year-to-year natural variability of weather, there is a long-term, climate change-driven trend that is making extreme rainfalls even more intense, said Texas A&M University climate scientist Andrew Dessler.

"You can think of climate change as steroids for these rain events," he said. University of Illinois climate scientist Donald Wuebbles, co-author of a report released Thursday on climate change and the Great Lakes, said "we have been seeing a significant increase in precipitation coming as larger events, especially in the Midwest and Northeast, over the last five to six decades." It will get worse, so flooding will get to be a bigger concern, he said.

In part of the South, it already is.

Major flooding is already occurring this week on the

Mississippi River near several Southern cities including Arkansas City, Arkansas; Natchez, Mississippi; and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, according to river gauges and data from NOAA. Since Feb. 8, about 100 Army Corps of Engineers personnel have been monitoring levees and other flood protection in Memphis; Clarksdale, Mississippi; and Helena, Arkansas.

The swollen river has been flooding some unprotected western Mississippi communities since last month. One Mississippi region protected by levees is also flooding. The smaller rivers there can't drain into the Mississippi River as normal, because a floodgate that protects the region from even worse flooding by the big river has been closed since Feb. 15.

Residents around Rolling Fork, Mississippi, first noticed water rising from swamps in late February. The water eventually invaded some homes in that community, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) north of Vicksburg. □

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# Derulo reaches out to K-pop with 'Let's Shut Up & Dance'

By ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Jason Derulo is simultaneously looking ahead, looking back and looking across the ocean for his new project.

In "Let's Shut Up & Dance," the pop singer collaborates with Asian K-pop acts Lay Zhang and NCT 127 in a trans-Pacific partnership he thinks ought to be increasingly common in the musical future.

At the same time, the single is the first of four in the coming months culminating in an EP boxed set of vinyl '45s in June that is a tribute to his childhood hero Michael Jackson.

Derulo, who has launched a number of Top 10 pop hits like "Whatcha Say" and "Talk Dirty" since emerging on the music scene in 2009, is looking to take inspiration from both past and future.

"I was so excited about this collaboration," Derulo said of Zhang, a member of the Chinese and South Korean boy band EXO, and NCT 127, a 10-member, Seoul-based boy group. "We come from totally different worlds, but I really, really love their talent."

Derulo has collaborated with everyone from pop hitmakers like Jennifer Lopez, Nicki Minaj and David



In this April 12, 2018 file photo, singer Jason Derulo poses during a photocall upon arrival for the 2018 Echo Music Awards in Berlin.

Guetta to Colombian superstar Maluma and country music king Luke Bryan. The 29-year-old would seem to be too old to be a fan of the bubblegum musical style that has had Asian youth captivated for years and made serious inroads among American teens, especially with the success of the boy band BTS, who released two No. 1 albums in the U.S. last year and won honors at the Billboard Music Awards and American Music Awards.

For "Let's Shut Up & Dance," which has been

viewed more than 18 million times on YouTube, Derulo takes the artists' styles from rainbow-hued to black, sexes up their usual youthful innocence and puts them in nighttime street scenes. But makes full use of their antic, athletic and synchronized dance moves.

"This was the norm back in the day in terms of dance," he said. "I feel like artists have become lazy."

The video has echoes of Jackson's work, and "The Greatest Dancer" EP where the song appears is set to drop on June 25, the 10th

anniversary of the King of Pop's death.

The timing has also meant it comes when Jackson's legacy is being questioned on the heels of "Leaving Neverland," the HBO documentary on two men who accuse Jackson of molesting them as children, allegations the Jackson family and estate have denied and denounced.

Derulo said he is keeping the late artist he remembers separate from anything that may have happened privately.

"This has nothing to do with

anyone's personal life," said Derulo, who had not seen "Leaving Neverland" when he spoke to the AP.

The Jackson influence in "Let's Shut Up & Dance" is not overtly expressed. There is no imagery of him, no sparkling glove or moonwalk.

"That was important to me," Derulo said. "This is not Vegas. I wanted to make sure in the song and the choreography that you can feel Michael's presence, and you can feel the influence, but it wasn't a copycat."

Derulo is also keeping busy with his role in "Cats," the movie version of the musical that dominated Broadway in the 1970s and '80s. Taylor Swift, Ian McKellen and Jennifer Hudson play felines alongside Derulo in the film, to be released Dec. 20.

"I was a musical theater kid, so theater and acting is always something I wanted to dive into. It was never the role that I thought could jump my acting career," he said.

Derulo said the way "Cats" uses motion-capture and other technology will be like nothing viewers have seen before.

"It's like seeing 'Avatar' for the first time or seeing 'The Matrix' for the first time," he said. □

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## 'Both sides of the binary:' Exhibit explores gender, fashion

By TRACEE M. HERBAUGH

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**BOSTON (AP)** — When actor Billy Porter unveiled his combination tuxedo-ball gown at the Oscars last month, it got people talking. Porter, the black and gay breakout star of the FX series "Pose," had bucked traditional Academy Award attire — fancy frocks for the ladies and basic tuxedos for men.

A photo of Porter's eye-catching Oscar garb is included in a new exhibit at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts that opens to the public on Thursday. The exhibit titled, "Gender Bending Fashion," examines moments in history when



In this Thursday, March 14, 2019, photo, workers install a mannequin, which combines traditional designs for men with those for women, for the "Gender Bending Fashion" exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

clothing transcended and muddled our understanding of gender.

The show was inspired, in part, by what's happen-

ing right now in fashion, said Michelle Finamore, a fashion historian and curator. "Gender Bending Fashion" is the first large-

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scale exhibit of its kind to be hosted by a major museum. It is comprised of mixed-media: paintings, record covers and photographs. But a highlight for viewers will surely be the 70 gender-bending ensembles from big-name designers, such as Rei Kawakubo, of Comme des Garçons, and Walter Van Beirendonck, a member of the influential avant-garde group "Antwerp Six."

One notable inclusion is the tuxedo that actress Marlene Dietrich wore in the 1930 film "Morocco." Dietrich has long been hailed as a hero for gender fluidity. It wasn't un-

common for her to wear top hats, shirts with French cuffs and cuff links, and pant suits tailored for men. "She was both sides of the binary in that she was either extremely feminine or extremely masculine," Finamore said. The exhibit references the 1920s, a time when women first cut their hair short. Then it progresses to the 1960s and The Peacock Revolution, when menswear shifted from plain and simple to flamboyant, colorful and tailored to the body. The '60s is also when unisex attire became mainstream. And present day is thought to be the height of gender fluidity in fashion. □



# In 'Us,' Jordan Peele holds a dark mirror to America

By **JAKE COYLE**  
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Jordan Peele has tightened his grip in "Us," a less satirical and more slaughterhouse horror parable than the writer-director's astonishing debut, "Get Out," that despite its deficiencies will leave all who enter its shadowy world convinced of Peele's growing command as a singular conjurer of American night-

mares. It's a movie moment to savor. When was the last time a filmmaker's sophomore release was greeted with such anticipation? It's as if Peele struck such a deep and rich vein in "Get Out" that no one can wait to see what else he'll uncover. Peele has found a new passageway into American psychology, and we're all waiting outside the mine for him to call out



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Winston Duke, Shahadi Wright Joseph, Evan Alex and Lupita Nyong'o in a scene from "Us," written, produced and directed by Jordan Peele.



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from the dark with his latest revelation.

And in "Us," Peele has produced a terrifying artifact: a sinister ballet of doppelgangers and inversions that makes flesh the unseen underbelly lurking beneath every sunny American dream and behind every contented nuclear family. It's a scissor-sharp rebuke to anyone who's ever held hands and sang "Kumbaya."

"Us" begins on images of one such moment of supposed unity: Hands Across America, that wholesome '80s experiment in linking arms across the country. It's seen on an old TV screen with VHS tapes of "Goonies" and "C.H.U.D." leaning against it. Later, when the Wilson family takes a vacation near Santa Cruz, California, they look out of their window at night and see the ominous silhouettes of a hand-holding family just like themselves outside on the driveway.

Their appearance is eerie to all: the mother Adelaide (Lupita Nyong'o), the father Gabe (Winston Duke) and their two kids, Zora (Shahadi Wright Joseph) and Jason (Evan Alex). But it's Adelaide who most immediately recognizes the danger. The Santa Cruz boardwalk is where she, as a young child, wandered into a carnival tent's hall of mirrors to find herself face-to-face with her exact double.

That's the film's opening prologue before shifting to present day, and the scene, classically spooky, is

perfectly realized by Peele. From the start, we feel Peele's increasing confidence as a filmmaker and, as Michael Abel's rhythmic, chanting score plays over the opening credits, we settle in for what we know, as soon as the Wilsons make their vacation plans, will be Adelaide's frightful reunion with her childhood mirror-image tormentor.

It comes fast, like an assault. Soon after unpacking their bags and after a day at the beach with some friends (Elisabeth Moss and Tim Heidecker), the red-dressed doubles appear. Their arrival is harrowing and violent and "Us" quickly takes the shape, a little disappointingly, of a home invasion movie. A student of both genre and satire, Peele's genius lies in his ability to sustain both. But in "Us," he sometimes struggles to break free of genre tropes.

The Wilsons' doppelgangers are a kind of sadistic, scissor-wielding echo of each family member. As "Us" bleeds into one ghastly scrape after another, we gradually grasp that they're part of a larger uprising of an underclass who are each horribly tethered to a surface-world human. Adelaide's double explains simply: "We're Americans." "Get Out" proved Peele a master of metaphor but "Us" works less on a purely symbolic level than on its own infinite-loop system of horror. Some questions get answered but others don't. The doubles arrive with only slightly more reasoning

than the crows did in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." Nightmares don't always need clarification.

But I do think "Us" would work better if it gathered its suspense more steadily and more closely tethered its ideas to its characters. If the doppelgangers are stand-ins for an otherness that we fear in others but deny in ourselves, I'm not sure zombie-like maniacs were the most interesting way to go, or the most humanizing. And Peele's script, delving so relentlessly into terror, doesn't leave either side of the mirror room for much reflection. "It's all just craziness," someone says.

Yet there's an undeniable power of "Us" as a deeper, more primal vision of a two-tiered truth in American society that's as unshakable as one's shadow. Peele, working with cinematographer Mike Gioulakis ("It Follows," "Glass"), creates fever-dream images with passionate precision.

And then there's Lupita. While each member of the family excels, Nyong'o delivers arguably her fiercest, most extraordinary performance as both Adelaide and her monstrous doppelganger. The wild difference between the two will get the most attention, but I was most impressed by the great subtlety of her Adelaide, a quiet, uneasy woman with a dark secret. "Us" doesn't match "Get Out" but Peele will surely have more sunken places to investigate. And for that we should be thrilled. □



## Respecting elders: Maya Angelou clip sparks courtesy debate

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Put a handle on it.

If you don't know what that means, you might not call elders by "Mr.," "Miss" or "Mrs.," insist that your children do the same or demand it for yourself. If you've heard the term, you're likely familiar with the history of the politics of respectability and what that means to some African-Americans, pro and con.

Are you from the North or the South? A small town or big city native? From a religious, school or immigrant community that uses elder honorifics? Perhaps you're Professor, Doctor or Judge. All of the above were widely debated on social media last week, focused on an old talk-show clip of the late Maya Angelou sharply chiding a young woman for addressing her as Maya rather than Miss Angelou before asking the poet and memoirist for her views on interracial marriage.

"I'm not 'Maya.' I'm 62 years old. I have lived so long and tried so hard that a young woman like you, or any other, you have no license to come up to me and call me by my first name. That's first," she said to claps from the audience. "Also, because at the same time, I am your mother, I am your auntie, I'm your teacher, I'm your professor. You see?"

Angelou, who was black, apologized later in the show to her questioner, also black. Pierre Phipps, who tweeted the snippet, has heard from all sides since then and said opinions are varied and plentiful. After his March 14 tweet sent Angelou's name trending on Twitter, Phipps said the Kim in the clip reached out.

Turns out she's Kim Watts, 49, an educator in the San Francisco Bay Area. Watts told The Associated Press by phone Wednesday that she doesn't have a Twitter account but friends and family alerted her to the hub-bub. She said she was a 20-year-old college student in 1989 when she went



In this May 20, 2010 file photo, poet Maya Angelou smiles as she greets guests at a garden party at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. Associated Press

on a class trip to San Francisco to sit in the audience for a taping with Angelou of the talk show "People are Talking."

"Her response threw me off. It was a little awkward for me, but at the same time it was like, oh my God this is Maya Angelou," Watts said. "I remember feeling like, oh my gosh I insulted one of my icons, a person I look up to."

Watts said she got a kick out of people new the clip thinking she was still a teen. The 29-year-old Phipps, whose Twitter handle is @PrinceCharmingP, can't remember where he found the vintage exchange when he tweeted it out with: "I can't wait to turn 30 so I can read one of yall for calling me by my first name like this:"

He told the AP in an interview that he was surprised at the attention the tweet has received, especially among young people who disagreed with Angelou. She died in 2014 at age 86, and also favored the title Dr. in light of her numerous honorary doctorates.

"They think Miss Angelou's response was very elitist. They were really, really pissed about it," said

Phipps, who lives in Los Angeles and writes for television. "We're living in progressive times and a lot of people said once they turn 18, they feel like they have an even platform no matter how old you are. History is no longer playing a part in how we go about our everyday lives. History is becoming history."

"It's an unwritten rule on respect for elders in which a lot of us were born and raised to 'put a handle on it,'" he said. "Me personally, coming from a strong black Southern family, I didn't see anything wrong with her response. Everyone is raised differently."

Watts, who was adopted as a child by white parents, said she was not raised with the courtesy title tradition or practice for elders in her life.

"I wasn't thinking about that in the moment," she said of her encounter with Angelou. "I like that this conversation, though, is focused on respect. Given my age now, I can see both sides of it."

Carrie Salow is a 55-year-old mother of two girls in Phoenix, where she moved from Grand Rapids, Michigan, when she was 15.

"I absolutely expect my teen daughters to call their friends' parents Mr. and Mrs., and I expect the same," said Salow, who is white. "The kids who live across the street from us are now young adults, in and out of college. They still call me Mrs. Salow and I feel it is appropriate."

Valencia Bey, 49, was born and raised in Chicago and now lives in nearby Oak Park, Illinois. She spent most of her summers in Shelby, Mississippi, with her maternal grandparents and extended family.

"You just did NOT call elders by their first name," said Bey, who is black. "I was taught by folks who felt the way Ms. Angelou did. Addressing someone as Mr. or Miss was a sign of respect, especially those who came from the Jim Crow South, where calling a grown black person by their first name was a sign of disrespect. White people would purposely not call them Mr. or Mrs. or Miss to reinforce that they were considered inferior."

Against the backdrop of African-American history, such honorifics are heavy indeed.

"Like Angelou, our elders

have lived lives some of us can only imagine, especially if they grew up in a society that was founded on white supremacy," wrote Britni Danielle, in a piece about the tweet at Essence online.

"Often times, they weren't given the respect they were due by the outside world, which regularly sought to humiliate and dehumanize them at every turn. Those who did dare speak up and demand their propers did so knowing the price could be steep," she wrote. The 55-year-old Lucy O'Donnell, with a nearly 18-year-old daughter and a 21-year-old son in Los Angeles, was raised in Arlington, Virginia.

"Two of my daughter's friends initially addressed me as Mrs., and I have to say I hadn't even given it a thought until then. I told them that they were welcome to call me by my first name but that if it was important in their households to address adults more formally that was fine, too," said O'Donnell, who is white. "Both switched to Lucy pretty quickly. The only tradition I can't abide is Mrs. and a husband's first and last name." □



# German whiskey booming as micro distilleries keep popping up

By DAVID RISING

Associated Press

**SCHLEPZIG, Germany (AP)**

— Bastian Heuser swirls the snifter of deep amber whiskey before taking a sip, noting its sweet caramel flavor that soon opens up with hints of spices, nuts and dried fruits.

It's not a single malt from a verdant Scottish glen, nor a sour mash from the hills of Tennessee. This is an award-winning German rye whiskey produced by the tiny Spreewood Distillery, nestled in a small town among the fields and forests of Brandenburg about an hour's drive from Berlin.

German whiskey is little known outside the country, and the industry is still tiny compared with others, but isn't unaffected by major international issues, with distillers seeing both opportunities and dangers with Britain's decision to leave the European Union and Europe's trade spat with the U.S. over new tariffs.

Both issues may seem far away from the Spreewood Distillery, established in refurbished farm buildings in the town of Schlepzig, home to about 600 people, where the emphasis is on a small, craft product created from locally sourced ingredients.

"From grain to glass, we do it all here," Heuser says at the distillery he has run with his two partners since 2016. "The only thing we don't have is our own field of rye, but maybe that will come." More and more micro operations like Spreewood have been opening up in recent years, focusing on small batches of quality whiskey. Nobody quite knows when it happened, but today distilleries producing whiskey in Germany outnumber those in Scotland, about 180 to 130.

"It's crazy how many German whiskey distilleries there are these days," German Whisky Distillers' Association president Michaela Habel says. "Of course the fact still is that German whiskey only accounts for 0.4 percent of the world market."

In 2017, the entire Ger-



In this Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 photo, a wooden nameplate displayed on the main entrance of a historical reconstructed building of the German whiskey maker Spreewood Distillery in Schlepzig, Germany.

man whiskey production was worth 11.6 million euros (\$13.1 million) — negligible when compared with Scotch whisky exports alone that year, worth some 4.4 billion pounds (\$5.8 billion).

With such a small overall production of about 6 million liters (about 1.6 million gallons) in 2017, German whiskey is mostly sold on the domestic market. But that doesn't mean that distillers like Heuser and Habel aren't watching international politics, with whiskey featuring prominently in two major current issues — Brexit and U.S. President Donald Trump's protectionist tariffs.

With 90 percent of Scotch whisky exported, accounting for 20 percent of all

British food and beverage exports, the Scotch Whisky Association is increasingly concerned about Britain's looming Brexit exit from the European Union, especially if there is no deal on future trade relations.

"Brexit represents a seismic shift for our industry and one which our members are working hard to plan and adjust for," the association says, noting that the EU is the single most valuable market for Scotch. Across the Atlantic, when Trump imposed tariffs on European steel and aluminum, the EU retaliated last year targeting "typically American" products, including Harley-Davidson motorcycles and bourbon whiskey.

With duties looming for



In this Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 photo, Bastian Heuser co-owner of German whiskey maker Spreewood Distillery tests rye whiskey during an interview with the Associated Press in Schlepzig, Germany.

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cally moonshine — to provide the daily 200-milliliter (about seven-ounce) ration for coal miners in the industrial Ruhr region.

"There used to be a really crazy korn culture in Germany years ago," she says. "And korn is nothing more than an un-aged whiskey with somewhat less alcohol." Whiskey can be made from many different grains, and has to be aged at least three years in either oak casks that have previously been used to mature other liquor, or virgin oak casks.

Malt whiskey is made from malted barley and can only be called Scotch if produced in Scotland, according to EU regulations, and is predominantly matured in used oak casks. The German product is known as single malt.

Bourbon must contain at least 51 percent corn, and rye whiskey predominantly rye grain.

Both are typically aged in virgin oak barrels.

German distillers tend to focus on using the raw ingredients readily available in the area, making whiskey from rye, wheat, spelt and other grains, Habel says.

"I don't think there's such thing as a 'German whiskey,'" she said.

"The distillers are particularly proud that in Germany there is tons of diversity."

When Heuser took over Spreewood in 2016 with his partners, it was producing brandy and other liquors as well as small batches of whiskey.

The three decided to become Germany's first distillery to concentrate solely on rye whiskey.

"If you focus on one thing you can be really good at it," Heuser said.

Heuser says part of the distillery's appeal is its serene setting and natural approach. In addition to using grain from the nearby fields, it draws water from the river that flows through the tiny town, which attracts about 40,000 ecotourists each year. Its brand name — Stork Club — refers to large birds that can often be seen flying overhead. □

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Scotch and already on bourbon, Habel sees opportunity for German distillers. "Maybe the consumer who has always drunk Scotch will look over to the distillery next door and turn to the German product," she says.

But if the whiskey tariffs turn into a long-term issue, Heuser says it would be to nobody's benefit.

Right now, Spreewood only exports small quantities of whiskey to Britain. But it's hoping to increase that, and is eyeing possible exports to the U.S. down the road.

"The U.K. is a very important whiskey market, especially to launch brands, because they're just very open toward it," says Heuser, who worked as a bartender in London in a previous life. "And the U.S. is a huge market, especially for whiskey." Despite being sold mostly domestically, German whiskeys are gaining international recognition. In 2017, a single malt from Habel's Hillock Park Distillery won double gold and was named the best whiskey in the world by the "World Spirits Award."

Hillock Park is one of the oldest German distilleries producing whiskey today. The business grew out of the distillery's production of "korn" liquor — basi-